



First Lutheran Church and School

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 27th, 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

joseph.highley@flcspc.com

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:

Trie Barnard

Attendance

July 20th - 137

Sunday – 9:00am – Divine Service

10:30am – Sunday School

Tripp Freeman Baptism

OBI

Monday – 6:00pm – LWML (FH)

6:30pm – Scouts (YH)

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

8:30am – Men's Bible Study (Chris Mudd's house)

9:00am – Coffee Shop (The Perk)

Wednesday – 7:00am – PBJ

Thursday – 9:00am – Matins

9:30am – Ladies Bible Study (FH)

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.....1st & 3rd Monday 7:00 pm (FH)

"Respectable Sins – Worldliness"

Men's Bible Study.....Don Klein.....Tuesday 8:30 am (Chris Mudd's house)

"The Chosen" Season 5

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***.

Cup of Joe

Can't make it to the morning "Cup of Joe" sessions? This summer, we're brewing up "Cup of Joe - The Afternoon Roast" — a special evening edition for those who prefer a later pour.

Join us for a relaxed, come-as-you-are evening with Pastor Joe, where you can bring your burning questions and enjoy thoughtful conversation, good company, and guaranteed dad jokes.



The Afternoon Roast

Tuesday, August 5
7:00pm
Location TBD



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.***



**To make an appointment,
visit obi.org or call 877-340-8777.**

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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 11:11 – “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?” A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the church and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas — home, church and society — the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

BLESSINGS ON YOUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY!!

CELEBRATING

50 years

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF

Jerry & Mellanie LeBaron

SAT | 9 | AUG
2025

4:00 TO 6:00 PM

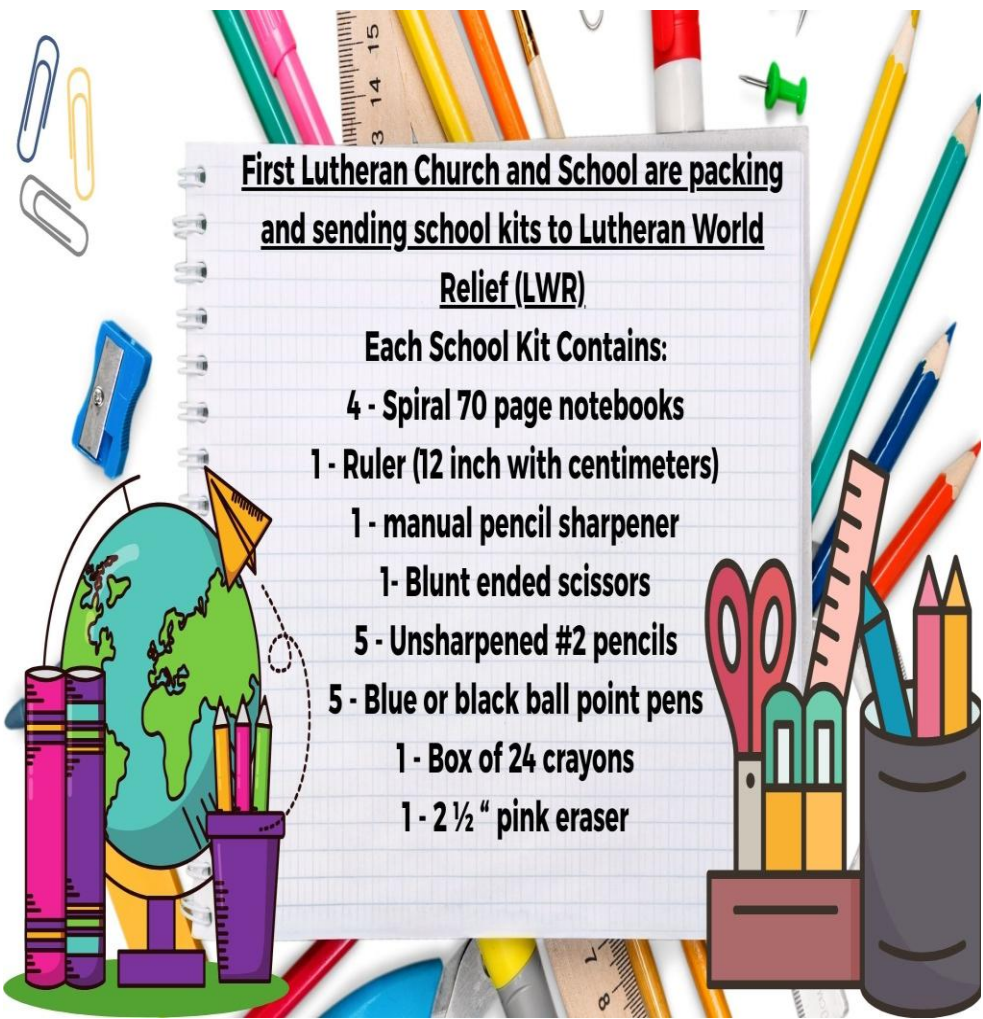
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1101 N 4TH ST.
PONCA CITY, OK 74601



First Lutheran Church and School are packing and sending school kits to Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

Each School Kit Contains:

- 4 - Spiral 70 page notebooks
- 1 - Ruler (12 inch with centimeters)
- 1 - manual pencil sharpener
- 1- Blunt ended scissors
- 5 - Unsharpened #2 pencils
- 5 - Blue or black ball point pens
- 1 - Box of 24 crayons
- 1 - 2 ½ " pink eraser






ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
GUTHRIE, OK

PIE & CAKE AUCTION

Guthrie's very own Jim Garling and the Jim Garling Band will be playing music during the event.

Enjoy a night of music, eat some ice cream and bid on some great homemade desserts.



August 17, 2025
5 pm to 8 pm

PROCEEDS
FUND OUR
OKTOBERFEST

COME JOIN
THE FUN

424 E. WARNER IN BERK HALL
(BEHIND CHURCH), 73044

www.zlchguthrieok.org

Dont forget to bring some money, people love to bid on the cakes and desserts

General Announcements

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

**closed for lunch Noon-1:00*

BACK TO SCHOOL KITS The LWML is collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to help us and support the LWML please purchase any of the items listed, or you can also make a free will donation to “school kits” and the LWML will purchase what is needed. The church is tax exempt so if the LWML does the shopping no tax is paid.

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!

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.

Jerry and Mellanie LeBaron are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 9th from 4:00 – 6:00pm here at First Lutheran Church in the fellowship hall. If you would like to join in the celebration please RSVP no later than August 4th to Halleluiah LeBaron at 405-708-1659.

Hymn Corner

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (LSB 528)

(main text by John W. Matthews, Jr.)

Director of Music, Chris Schelp

Charles Wesley (1707-88) wrote "For the Anniversary Day of One's Conversion" in 1739, one year after his own conversion on May 21, 1738. The original poem was eighteen stanzas in length; the closing stanza in LSB is actually the first stanza of Wesley's text. Stanzas 2 through 6 of the original highlight Wesley's own subjective experience of conversion; for Lutherans, who trust the objective promises of God in Word and Sacrament, such sentiments would not be suitable for corporate worship.

Thankfully, though, the stanzas that are included in LSB are free from such subjectivity; they clearly proclaim Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins. Wesley was certainly strongly influenced by Pietism; however, in contrast to some Pietists who emphasized the role of obedience in justification, he was clear about his salvation coming about solely through the blood and work of Christ, as is evident in stanza 4: "His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me."

Next Gen News

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

get**CONNECTED**

Jennifer Heitman *NextGen Coordinator*

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YOU'RE INVITED!



**SUNDAY, JULY 27 • YOUTH
GATHERING PRESENTATION**

Please join us during the Sunday School hour for a special Youth Gathering Presentation as our youth share stories, highlights, and how they saw God at work in New Orleans.

Following the presentation, you're invited to stay for a Thank You Luncheon with hot dogs, hamburgers, and sides—our way of showing appreciation for your support, prayers, and encouragement.

We'd be honored to celebrate with you!

**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 2:6-19

God does all the verbs

What do you do?



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
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*), Elaine Harader, and Ron Sibley.

Prayer Requests

❖ ***For those healing from illness, injury, or surgery:***

- Prayers for Joe Herard who has a fracture on his spine, and is also awaiting biopsy test results.

❖ ***For those grieving the loss of loved ones:***

- Family and friends of Roberta Vaughan (Steve Vaughan's niece) who passed away.

❖ ***For prayers of thanksgiving for their service and dedication to First Lutheran Church and School:***

- **Board of Parish Education:** Jessica Grimes, Rhonda Hurd, Linda Lyons, Steven Vaughan, Barbara Mayer, and Erin Chessher.

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 or call the office at (580)762-1111.



7/27 Cindy Riley
7/28 Storm Barnard
7/28 Crystal Bickford
7/29 Jason Cain
7/29 Jack Kinkaid (16)
7/29 Ava Wilson (20)
7/31 Marcella Matthews (84)
8/1 Blue Barnard (12)
8/2 Rachel Hawlins
8/4 Tonja Morris
8/5 Caitlyn Meserve
8/6 Jason Heitman
8/7 Brayden Mayer (19)
8/8 Paula Cargal
8/8 Linda Lyons
8/12 J.V. Peck
8/12 Scott Steichen
8/15 Van Peck



7/26 Danny & Jessica Grimes (22)
7/26 Doug & Megan Sibley (17)
7/28 James & Janet Goll (51)
7/29 Doug & Barb Hanson (47)
8/6 Levi & Molly Carter (14)

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