



First Lutheran Church and School

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, August 3rd, 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:

Jason Heitman

Mark Kremeier

Music Director:

Chris Schelp

Altar Guild on Duty:

Barbara Mayer, Ch.

Sarah Davis

Jan Pinnegar

Acolyte:

Levi Chessher

Attendance

July 27th - 163

Sunday – 9:00am – Divine Service

10:30am – Sunday School

Monday – 6:00am - Men's Bible Breakfast (Perkins)

6:00pm – Hatters (BR)

6:30pm – Scouts (YH)

7:00pm – Koinonia (FH)

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

8:30am – Men's Bible Study (BR)

7:00pm – Evening Roast (Chris Mudd's House)

Wednesday – 7:00am – PBJ

Thursday – 9:00am – Matins

9:30am – Ladies Bible Study (FH)

10:30am – FLS Registration (Cafeteria)

6:30pm – Elders (BR)

Friday –

Saturday –

Sunday – 9:00am – Divine Service

10:30am – Sunday School

FLS Open House

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 – Where Do We Go from Here?”

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*.

**WARMS
THE
HATTERS
CLUB**

Monday, August 4th
6:00pm
Board Room

All ages and skill levels
invited to attend



CELEBRATING

50
years

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF

Jerry & Mellanie LeBaron

SAT | 29 | DEC
2025

4:00 PM
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1101 N 4TH ST.
PONCA CITY, OK 74601

RSVP BY AUG 4TH
405.708.1659



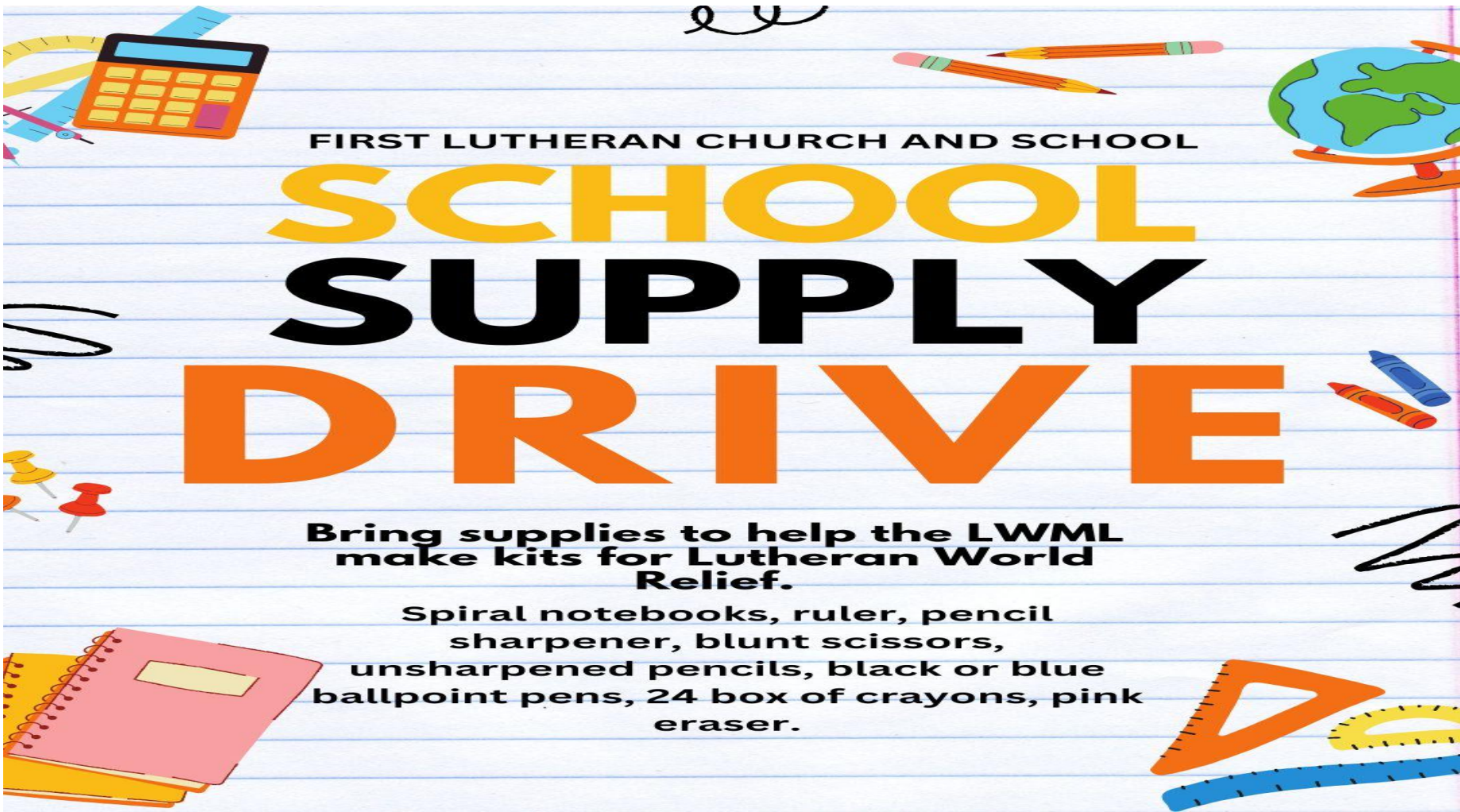
We will *Walk Together* by forming deep and abiding relationships with people in our Church/School community through *Stewarding* and *Fellowshipping* activities organized and designed for the mutual uplifting and consolation of the Saints of FLCS.

Faithful Stewards



Luke 12:15 – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

BLESSINGS ON YOUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY!!



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Bring supplies to help the LWML make kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Spiral notebooks, ruler, pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, unsharpened pencils, black or blue ballpoint pens, 24 box of crayons, 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.

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

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” (LSB 782)

(main text by Eric A. Wismar)

Director of Music, Chris Schelp

In early 2004, as the final selections for LSB were being made, the Missouri Synod's Commission on Worship noted in one of its meetings that no entirely new texts had been included in the "Stewardship" section of the hymnal. Gregory Wismar, the vice-chair of the Commission, agreed to write a new text that would reflect stewardship of creation as well as the traditional themes of time and treasure. Reflecting on the assignment, Wismar recalls: "It had become my custom to work on writing assignments such as hymn texts and essays on worship while on the numerous airline flights between my home in Connecticut and St. Louis. This text was completed on a flight from Lambert Airport in St. Louis to Bradley Airport at Hartford on an evening flight after a Commission on Worship meeting. For me, a quiet airline flight was a most productive setting."

Next Gen News

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

getC**ONNECTED**

Jennifer Heitman NextGen Coordinator

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THANK YOU!!

We are so grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and generous support from our congregation that made it possible for us to attend the LCMS Youth Gathering. Your faithfulness provided the foundation for a life-changing week filled with spiritual growth, laughter, worship, and stronger connections—both among our group and with our amazing prayer partners back home. Thank you to everyone who stayed after worship last Sunday for our Youth Gathering Presentation and Luncheon. It meant so much to share our stories and celebrate what God has done in and through us. We encourage you to take a moment and ask our youth about their experience—there's so much to tell! Incoming 6th graders and older, we will see you in San Antonio in 2028!



Cup of Joe

The Afternoon Roast

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.



Tuesday, August 5 - 7:00pm

Chris Mudd's House

Contact Jennifer Heitman
for questions

Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Meaningless!

Christ!

Meaningless?



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 Margaret Blackstar (friend of Janie Thompson) who has been diagnosed with a tumor.
 - 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 Care Ministry:** Tim Burden, Trudi Stigge, Rachell Highley, Edie Hunt, Jan Pinnegar, Pat Setzkorn, and Sandy Sibley.

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.



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
8/17 Vicky Dronberger (81)
8/17 Brett Kinkaid
8/18 Craig Stevens
8/19 Janet Ebbesson (81)
8/19 Jordan Linnebur
8/19 Tracy Ogden
8/19 Krystal Ross
8/20 Riley Bergagnini
8/20 Levi Carter
8/20 Kejion Davis (21)
8/20 Ron Roehl



8/6 Levi & Molly Carter (14)
8/9 Jerry & Mellanie LeBaron (50)
8/19 Bob & Kathryn Prescott (70)
8/30 Jim & Karen Bullins (50)

August
Baptismal Anniversaries



8/1 Aubrie Fredricks
8/1 Debbie Stewart
8/8 Chandler Ogden
8/10 Amanda Carrigan
8/12 Zachary Rodriguez
8/17 Marcella Matthews
8/18 Jordan Linnebur
8/18 Bo Lorenz
8/21 Sara King
8/21 Noah Wagner
8/21 Pierce Wagner
8/26 Bruce Fuller
8/27 Fred Miller
8/28 Christopher Lyons
8/28 KaSandra Lyons
8/28 Mackenzie Lyons
8/28 Don Young
8/29 Yvonne Kolarik
8/30 Ann Ozbun
8/30 J.V. Peck
8/30 Jessie Peck
8/30 Van Peck
8/30 Vanessa Peck
8/30 Wesley Vaughan
8/31 Aspyn Steichen

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 Lorett :: 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 Lorett:: US Army, son of Karl and Deena Lorett