

FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

June 2024



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First Things First...

When James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the gentiles and they to the circumcised. Galatians 2: 9

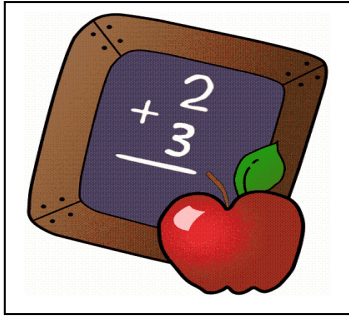
When I was in seminary, one of the textbooks utilized in the study of Christian doctrine was a small book entitled: The Small Catechism, written by Martin Luther. The title page of the edition required for the class had an interesting subtitle. That subtitle said, “Christian doctrine as the head of the house should teach it to ***HIS*** (emphasis mine) household.” Having grown up in a typical Germanic-American home in the 50s and 60s, I thought The Small Catechism was reserved for study by teenagers during their sixth and seventh grades. Then, many years later, the revelation crept into my slow consciousness. It was a handbook to be used in homes with Dad as the teacher. My observations of church services of my formative years confused my enlightenment. When I looked around at the people attending church services on a regular basis, I saw women with young children and older singles/couples. Most men, ages 20-60 years, were somewhere else. Unfortunately, Ecclesiastes 1:9 aptly reveals: *there is nothing new under the sun.*

Fortunately, Solomon’s wisdom does not apply to everyone. Our congregation has several young men who faithfully attend worship whenever their work schedule allows. We should commend these exceptional young men for their active role in worship, example to their children, and practicing passion in the life of the church. Please let them know you appreciate them whenever you see them at worship.

Likewise, all of us should seek opportunities to contact those young men and women who have affiliation with First Lutheran but are not as actively involved as some others. If we share the love of Christ with them and extend welcoming invitations and acceptance to them, we can hope that would be enough for them to feel comfortable and loved when they do attend.

Remember this: Jesus loves you and so do I!

Pastor Grier



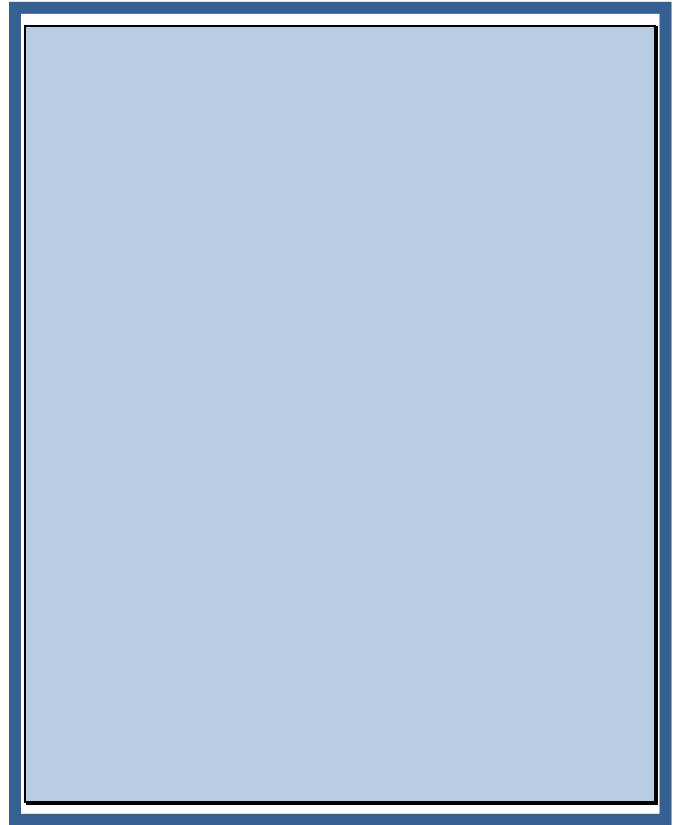
First School And Day Care



The First School would like to thank all the church members who came out to the Preschool/ PreK graduation! It was the best one yet! We always want to have these families celebrate with us and have a great time hearing things their child has learned all year and sharing the love of God. As we go into the summer, we are looking forward to VBS and all the fun extra things we get to do with these kids! Please keep us in your prayers as we enter this long, hot summer!

Thank You,
Bree Joines
The First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –
Thursday, June 13th, 5:00 p.m.**



JUNE READINGS

- 06/02 Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 78:1-4, 2 Corinthians 11:1-11, Luke 10:38-42
- 06/09 Exodus 32:15-28, Psalm 78:5-8, 2 Corinthians 11:12-21, Luke 11:1-4
- 06/16 Exodus 32:29-34, Psalm 78:9-12, 2 Corinthians 11:22-33, Luke 11:5-13
- 06/23 Exodus 33:1-6, Psalm 78:13-16, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Luke 11:14-23
- 06/30 2 Samuel 1:1,17-27, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43



- 06/09 Asa Lundy
- 06/09 Diane Stewart
- 06/10 LeAnne Lundy
- 06/12 David Kight
- 06/15 Ashlyn Hanna
- 06/20 Helen Kight
- 60/20 Marolyn McMillan
- 06/22 Ruth Speckles
- 06/27 Kirbie Woods
- 06/30 Cecil Anderson

- Our FLC Family**
- Cecil Anderson
 - Dorothy Atchetee
 - Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
 - Loretta Johnson
 - Marilyn Kight
 - Larry & Kim Ledwig
 - Lloyd Nelson
 - Jimmy Nielsen
 - Ashley Schoeneberg
 - Bentley

- Friends of FLC**
- Cecelia D
 - Niesha Brown
 - Billy G



List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.

- 06/09 Colton Labay
- 06/09 Adeleigh Labay
- 06/16 Nerissa House
- 06/16 Kyle House
- 06/21 Thomas Hernandez
- 06/30 Ellis Lundy



**PRAY FOR
ALL WHO
SERVE IN
THE US MILITARY**



WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



OR



- 06/09 Joshua & Sarah Barosh
- 06/17 Kevin & Cori Koudela
- 06/27 Chris & Ryan Hanna

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COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 17th
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our FLCEC Manna Meals Team will take a summer break from serving. The May meal provided was the last until the new rotation begins in September. Thank you to our team for their work with the Manna Meals program.

Light Project

The outside lamps on Oscar and Third Street were recently replaced. Please drive by some evening after dark and see what a statement they make!

A project is currently underway to cover the cost of the lamps and the installation. It was decided to split the cost between the church and the school. Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2024 and any donations made by members of the church will be recognized on a plaque to be placed in the church narthex. (You may make your check to the church and note "light project" on the memo line.) Donors will be contacted after the donation deadline as to the name they wish to have placed on the plaque.

First School Board

Thursday, June 13th
5:00 p.m.

Church Council

Monday, June 17th
6:00 p.m.

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



Pre-Gathering Seminar:

(To explore theme more deeply)
Seminar begins Friday, July 26th, at 1:00 p.m. To attend add \$20 more.

Friday Night Benefit BBQ Brisket Dinner
\$15 early/\$20 late

LCMC Texas District Gathering

July 26 - 27, 2024

(4:30 p.m. Friday evening – 3:45 p.m. Saturday)
Zion, Kerrville, TX

Theme: Love Works (Luke 10:27)

Keynote Speakers: Greg & Susan Finke

Tickets: \$75 thru 6/30, \$100 after 6/30
(includes T Shirt)

To Register: Forms are available in the church office
Or register online:

www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering

June 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
9 Worship Service 10:45 AM	10	11	12	13 First School Board Meeting 5PM	14	15
16 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	17 Church Council Meeting 6PM	18 Newsletter Items Due	19	20	21	22
23 Worship Service 10:45 AM	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship Service 10:45 AM						

June Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Pat Marek

SEXTON: Doug Mathews

USHERS: Ted Schoenfield, Gaynard Wigginton

ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Schoenfield,
Billie Jean Bram

READER

2nd Helen Johnson

9th Ty Schoenfield

16th Kirk Marek

23rd Ted Schoenfield

30th Calvin Borak

If you are unable to serve on your date,
please find someone to take your place.



JUNE FLOWER CALENDAR

2nd Open

9th Open

16th Open

23rd Open

30th Open

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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.