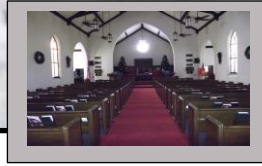


# FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

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## *First Things First ...*

***Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the flood came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.***

**Matthew 7:24-27**

During the recent hurricane, these verses came to my mind. As I watched the rain fly horizontally past our windows, the children's song, "The Rains Came Down," played on a loop inside my head. A safe, secure, and strong shelter begins with a solid foundation. We are blessed to have the safest, most secure, and strongest shelter for our lives and the storms we face.

Jesus gave the key information we need to confidently live our lives trusting that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Whoever hears His words and does as He commands KNOWS that promise of God is true. We are not exempt from the trials and troubles of life, but we understand that our Father works all things together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. Whatever difficulty must be faced, we rest in the assurance that the Lord's shelter never fails. We can trust the promises found throughout the Bible.

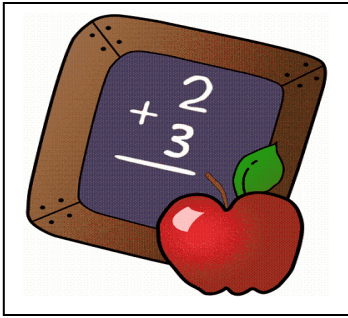
## **Jesus loves you and so do I! Pastor Grier**



Two special dates in August:

August 11th is designated Picnic Sunday. Come to worship dressed casually (shorts are permitted; no tank tops or tube tops please). Stay after church to enjoy a hot dog lunch!

August 25th is designated Rally Day. Worship will include children's songs and skits. After church, chicken tenders with rice and gravy will be provided, along with other sides and desserts brought by our members. After the meal, there will be games for the children and fellowship for all ages.



# First School And Day Care



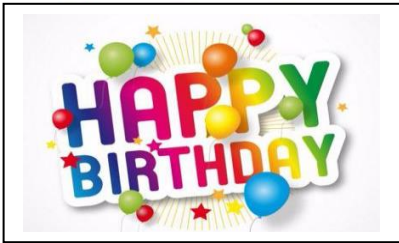
The First School is winding down the summer but not before our annual “glow back to school” party in August. We are celebrating an awesome summer because we learned so much about the Bible and we had successful team building and character-building activities. Between our daily Bible lessons and our week of VBS it is safe to say these children are equipped to begin a new school year! Please pray for these children as they start a new chapter at school this year!

Many Blessings,  
Bree Joines  
First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –  
Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

## AUGUST READINGS

- 08/04 Exodus 34:21-35, Psalm 78:36-39, Galatians 1:15-24, Luke 12:8-12
- 08/11 Exodus 35:1-19, Psalm 78:40-46, Galatians 2:1-10, Luke 12:13-21
- 08/18 Exodus 35:20-34, Psalm 78:47-51, Galatians 2:11-14, Luke 12:22-31
- 08/25 Exodus 36:1-13, Psalm 78:52-55, Galatians 2:15-21, Luke 12:32-40



- 08/03 Gaynard Wigginton
- 08/05 Alvin Yackel
- 08/06 Haley Orsak
- 08/11 Clyde Grier
- 08/18 Axel Koudela
- 08/21 Lionel Chatel
- 08/23 Liam Joines
- 08/31 Ryan Hanna
- 08/31 Heather Langston

- Our FLC Family**
- Cecil Anderson
  - Dorothy Atchetee
  - Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
  - Cora Lee Bishop
  - Pastor & Alys Grier
  - James & Sheila Herrington
  - Marilyn Kight
  - Kim & Larry Ledwig
  - Lloyd Nelson
  - Jimmy Nielsen
  - Ashley Schoeneberg
  - Bentley

**Friends of FLC**



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

- 08/01 Dorothy Atchetee
- 08/01 Jan Nelson
- 08/01 Diane Stewart
- 08/03 David Kight
- 08/06 Dagny Thane
- 08/13 Helen Kight
- 08/13 Ruth Speckels
- 08/25 Lionel Chatel
- 08/25 Matthew Stewart
- 08/29 Landon Thane
- 08/31 Ryan Hanna



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

**WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US**



OR



- 08/14 Jimmy & Sharon Nielsen

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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

**Pastor Clyde Grier:**  
Phone: 979-541-6173

**The mission of First Lutheran Church is to reach out to all people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and his Grace, remembering our baptismal promises and at all times spiritually supporting one another.**

**O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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### **First School Board**

Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m.

### **Church Council**

Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

**A = Always**

**S = Say**

**A = A**

**P = Prayer**



**LCMC 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering  
September 29 - October 2, 2022  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

Marion, Iowa

**Theme: Engaging Your Cultural Moment**

**Speakers – Focus Groups – Breakout Sessions**

**Fellowship Dinner – District Meetings**

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# August 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	5	6	7	8 First School Board Meeting 5PM	9	10
11 Worship Service 10:45 AM	12	13 Newsletter Items Due	14	15	16	17
18 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	19 Church Council Meeting 6PM	20	21	22	23	24
25 Worship Service 10:45 AM	26	27	28	29	30	31

## August Responsibilities

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Calvin Borak  
**SEXTON:** Jimmy Nielsen  
**USHERS:** Kirk Marek, Ted Schoenfield  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen & David Kight

### READER

4<sup>th</sup> Kirk Marek  
 11<sup>th</sup> Ted Schoenfield  
 18<sup>th</sup> Calvin Borak  
 25<sup>th</sup> Cathy Schoenfield

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



## AUGUST FLOWER CALENDAR

4<sup>th</sup> Open  
 11<sup>th</sup> Pastor & Alys Grier  
 18<sup>th</sup> Open  
 25<sup>th</sup> Open

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**Join us on Sunday mornings!**

**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**