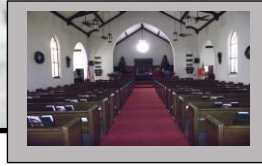


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

September 2024



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First Things First...

But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house (temple), wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house (temple) being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.
Ezra 3:12-13

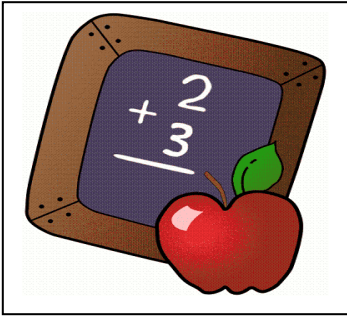
In Ezekiel 3:16-21 the Lord gives Ezekiel the message describing the risks/rewards for the one whom the Lord calls to deliver warnings of impending doom. "When you see the sword coming" means when there are dire circumstances or damaging events coming upon a people or nation, particularly concerning Israel, then God's messenger must act and speak as directed by the Holy Spirit. The warnings communicated to those who are facing dangerous times, may or may not be heeded, but that is no concern to the messenger. The messenger concentrates on communicating the message as faithfully and truthfully as possible. Otherwise, the messenger faces his/her own consequences.

Thus, I am planning a six-week sermon series, beginning September 15th, and ending October 20th. The title for each segment begins "Preparing for Vote 2024." The outcome of national elections this year could inspire drastic and destructive consequences, regardless of the winner. What sort of witness should we endeavor to portray, if the result garners our favor or disappointment? The world responds like the people described in Ezra 3:12-13. Some will be weeping uncontrollably and others shouting victoriously. Therein lies the problem. In the ensuing noise the Christian has a message of hope and reconciliation. Not only to those of an opposite political persuasion but for a confused and frightened world. Please pray for me as I continue preparing these messages.

On a lighter note:

The recent fellowship gatherings have been well received and enjoyed. I would be delighted to have these events continue at least on a quarterly basis. Currently, three are planned for September and October. Consult the calendar for the dates. If you have not yet attended, please plan to join us for a delightful time.

Jesus loves you and so do I! Pastor Grier



First School And Day Care



The First School is excited about the First School Community Pumpkin Patch coming up! We are currently looking for sponsors for our patch. We have asked local businesses and already have had around 5 businesses donate. Individuals are encouraged to donate as well.

Teir 1 ~ \$50 + worth of donations = Listed as sponsors on our front entrance pumpkin sign.

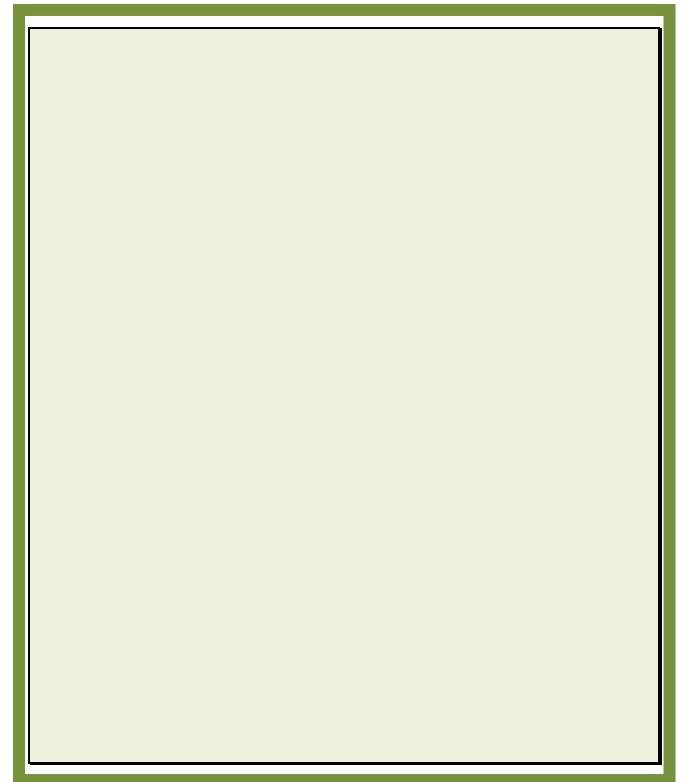
Teir 2 ~ \$150 + worth of donations = Listed as sponsor on sign and 2 family general admission passes.

Teir 3 ~ \$300 + worth of donations = Listed as sponsor on sign, company advertisement sign at a photo op scene, 2 family general admission passes, and 2 children's patch passes.

Teir 4 ~ \$500 + worth of donations = Listed as sponsor on sign, company advertisement sign at a photo op scene, 3 family general admission passes, 3 children's patch passes, and 3 free train rides.

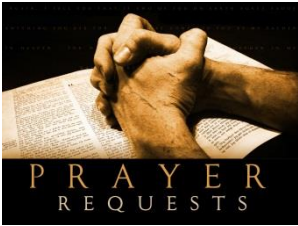
The Pumpkin Patch is located at Evans Park here in El Campo and will start on Friday, October 11th at 4pm-8pm and Saturday, October 12th from 8am – 2pm. We are ordering shirts with our church highlighted on them for church members who intend on attending the patch. Please let us know if you would like one and what size. We hope for as many church members as possible to come out and support us!

Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
The First School Director



SEPTEMBER READINGS

- 09/01 Exodus 36:14-19, Psalm 78:56-61, Galatians 3:1-9, Luke 12:41-48
- 09/08 Exodus 36:20-30, Psalm 78:62-66, Galatians 3:10-14, Luke 12:49-59
- 09/15 Exodus 36:31-38, Psalm 78:67-69, Galatians 3:15-20, Luke 13:1-9
- 09/22 Exodus 37:1-9, Psalm 78:70-72, Galatians 3:21-29, Luke 13:10-17
- 09/29 Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50



- 09/04 Stanley McMillan
- 09/12 Ty Mathews
- 09/12 Linda Korenek
- 09/19 Will Joines
- 09/20 Luke Langston
- 09/21 Diego Hernandez
- 09/21 Adeleigh Labay
- 09/24 Marilyn Kight
- 09/26 Sawyer Schoenfeld

Our FLC Family
 Cecil Anderson
 Dorothy Atchetee
 Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
 Cora Lee Bishop
 Pastor & Alys Grier
 James & Sheila Herrington
 Loretta Johnson
 Marilyn Kight
 Kim & Larry Ledwig
 Pat Marek
 Lloyd Nelson
 Jimmy Nielsen
 Ashley Schoenberg
 Bentley

Friends of FLC
 Sherrie Z
 Joe & Veronica Richards



- 09/07 James Herrington
- 09/12 Jimmy Nielsen
- 09/13 Will Joines
- 09/20 Kim Kainer
- 09/23 Luke Langston
- 09/25 Emery Langston

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.



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

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



- 09/07 Ed & Gloria Campbell
- 09/27 Shane & Heather Langston



OR



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COUNCIL MEETING
 Monday, September 16th
 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
 Phone: 979-541-6173

Light Project

The outside lamps on Oscar and Third Street were recently replaced.

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, September 12th
5:00 p.m.

Church Council

Monday, September 16th
6:00 p.m.

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



Manna Meals

Our Manna Meals team will serve on Monday, September 23rd. Please check with Cathy Schoenfield to see how you can help.

LCMC 24th Annual Gathering

September 29 - October 2, 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Marion, Iowa

Theme: Engaging Your Cultural Moment

Speakers – Focus Groups – Breakout Sessions

Fellowship Dinner – District Meetings

Recognitions – Exhibitors

Learn More About LCMC

For more information visit:

www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering

September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service 10:i45 AM w/Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship Service 10:45 AM	9	10	11	12 First School Board Meeting 5:00PM	13	14
15 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	16 Church Council Meeting 6:00PM	17	18	19	20	21
22 Worship Service 10:45 AM	23 Manna Meals 5-6:30PM FLCEC Team serves	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship Service 10:45 AM	30					

September Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Ted Schoenfield

SEXTON: Calvin Borak

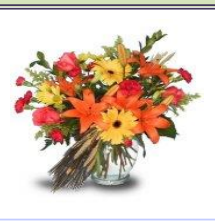
USHERS: Doug Mathews, Ed Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Marek, Ruth Speckels

READER

1st Diane Stewart
8th Helen Johnson
15th Ty Schoenfield
22nd Kirk Marek
29th Ted Schoenfield

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



SEPTEMBER FLOWER CALENDAR

1st Open
8th Open
15th Open
22nd Open
29th Open

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September

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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.