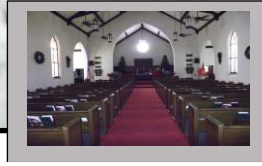


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

October 2024



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First Things First...

For in (the Gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith." Romans 1:17

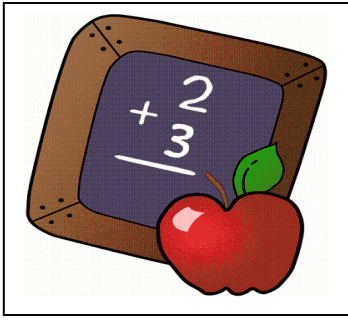
Dear Friends in Christ,

Early in the 16th century, this verse opened the gates of heaven for an Augustinian monk in Germany. He had spent most of his life striving to please God and to gain a release from God's wrath by a self-inflicted suffering. He almost lost sanity in his efforts. He found no peace in his attempts to placate, in his words, "an angry God." So deeply did he experience the frustration of his failures, he reportedly told his mentor, "I cannot love God...indeed, I hate Him!" Then, he discovered the truth of the Gospel: *the just (the righteous one) will live by faith*. He knew in that moment that it was neither his work nor his efforts that would bring his deliverance. It was the finished work of Christ on the cross that purchased forgiveness for those who believe. His continuing study of Scripture prompted him to action, and on October 31, 1517, he posted a call for a scholarly debate. The topic would discuss a particularly egregious corruption of Biblical doctrine. That call became known as "The Posting of the Ninety-five Theses." His name was Martin Luther. Publication of his proposed debate theses became the birth certificate of the Protestant Reformation.

During October, we will observe that momentous work of the Holy Spirit which restored the truth and power of Scripture to the Church. We will look at the *solas* (alones) which are taught in Reformation theology: Sola Gratia (grace), Sola Fide (faith), Solo Christo (Christ), Sola Scriptura (Scripture). I plan to provide brief notes revealing the Biblical foundation of these doctrines and the application and necessity of proclaiming these truths today. We will complete our celebration of the Reformation's anniversary by examining the need for ongoing reformation in the Church and the congregation

Some theologians have added other *solas* to the list and one of those carries enough importance to be mentioned in all our studies: Soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone). May this thought pervade all of our days and all our lives!

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.

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

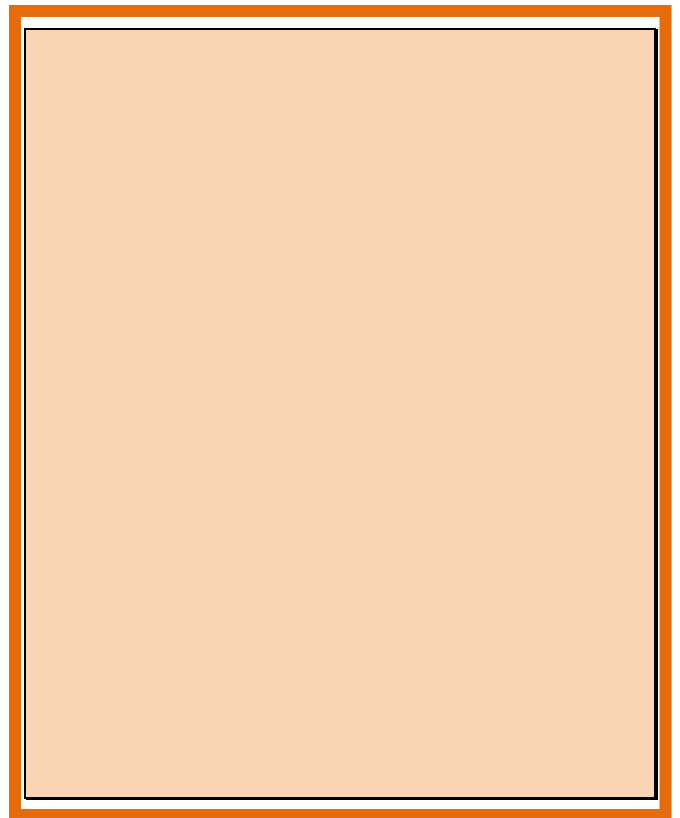
Tier 2 ~ \$150 + worth of donations = Listed as sponsor on sign and 2 family general admission passes.

Tier 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.

Tier 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



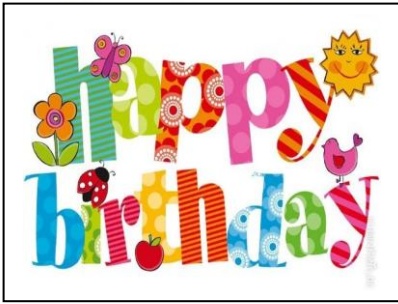
OCTOBER READINGS

10/06 Exodus 37:10-16, Psalm 79:1-4,9, Galatians 4:1-7, Luke 13:18-30

10/13 Exodus 37:17-24, Psalm 79:5-9, Galatians 4:8-20, Luke 13:31-35

10/20 Exodus 37:25-29, Psalm 79:10-13, Galatians 4:21-31, Luke 14:1-11

10/27 1 Samuel 3:19-4:1a, Psalm 46:1-4,11-12, Romans 1:8-17, John 20:24-31



- 10/02 Michael Barosh
- 10/02 Sharon Nielsen
- 10/04 Teagan Stewart-Gallegos
- 10/05 Claudia Wilfert
- 10/08 Kirk House
- 10/14 Cheryl Young
- 10/19 Grace Clemons
- 10/25 Sarah Barosh
- 10/29 Lynette Hernandez



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 Schoeneberg
- Bentley

Friends of FLC



- 10/06 Loretta Johnson
- 10/09 Asa Lundy
- 10/10 Stanley Mc Millan
- 10/11 Everly Orsak
- 10/18 Sawyer Schoenfield
- 10/23 Gloria Campbell
- 10/25 Liam Joines
- 10/25 Emma Moulden
- 10/25 Grace Moulden
- 10/27 Ty Mathews

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



- 10/23 Jimmy & Kathleen Joines
- 10/26 Evon & Linda Atchetee
- 10/30 Kirk & Pat Marek



OR



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Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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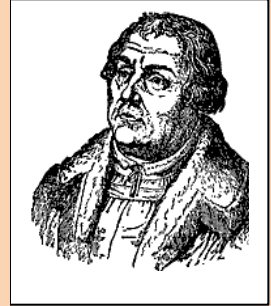
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 16th
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

**LCMC Annual Gathering –
September 29 - October 2, 2024**

**THEME: Engaging Your
Cultural Moment**

- Speakers
- Focus Groups
- Breakout Sessions
- Fellowship Dinner
- District Meetings
- Recognitions
- Exhibitors
- Learn More About LCMC



**Here I stand;
I can do no other.
God help me.
Amen!**

■ Martin Luther

First School Board

Thursday, October 10th
5:00 p.m.

Church Council

Monday, October 21st
6:00 p.m.

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



Manna Meals

Our FLCEC Team will serve on
Monday, October 21st. Volunteers
are welcome!

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September 29 - October 2, 2024**

THEME: Engaging Your Cultural Moment

**The Annual Gathering will be live streamed.
(Please note: If you plan to tune in, all times
listed on the LCMC home page/events will be
local time for Marion, IA.)**



October 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 <i>Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>First School Board Meeting 5PM</i> | 11 <i>Pumpkin Patch</i> | 12 <i>Pumpkin Patch</i> |
| 13 <i>Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM</i> | 14 | 15 | 18 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i> | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 <i>Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion</i> | 21 <i>Church Council Meeting 6PM FLCEC Team serves @ Manna Meals</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 <i>Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM</i> | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

October Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Kirk House
SEXTON: Gaynard Wigginton
USHERS: Will Joines, David Kight
ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Miller, Sharon Nielsen

READER

6th Calvin Borak
 13th Cathy Schoenfield
 20th Diane Stewart
 27th Helen Johnson

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



OCTOBER FLOWER CALENDAR

6th Open
 13th Open
 20th Open
 27th Kirk & Pat Marek

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Join us on Sunday mornings!

**Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**