

August 2023



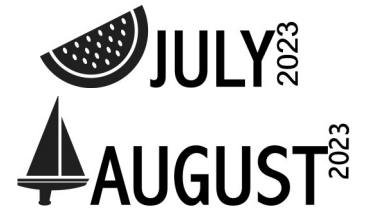
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The church staff was surprised on Monday, June 19 with an anniversary cake delivered to the church by Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. First Lutheran was recognized for 20 years membership with the Chamber.
Happy Anniversary!



FIRST WORD



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! July 17—20 5:30—8:00 pm.

This month we will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a 4-day blast *shining* Jesus' light to the world. STELLAR rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Register your child at church or do it online at www.flchs.com



NEW ASSIMILATION DIRECTOR ON STAFF!

Mrs. Katrina Watkins is joining our church staff as Assimilation Director. She has been an educator for 18 years. She has taught in the Hot Springs School District her whole tenure. She most recently joined UAMS DDEI as a site coordinator for Pathways Academy (K-8). She has been married to Anthony Watkins for 6 years. She has one son, Elijah, who is 14. She is the daughter of Pastor Anthony and Jackie Johnson. Katrina is excited to begin her new position here at First Lutheran! *In sharing her thoughts and hopes for her ministry she said, "I hope to be a difference maker in the body of Christ and help members find their passion and a ministry as well as help provide opportunities for our church to be involved in the community. I also hope to uplift Christ through our media ministry and serve in whatever capacity God leads me!"*



CEREAL & BREAKFAST FOOD DRIVE IN JULY

Join us in providing cereal for families in need this summer. Bring in boxes of dry cereal, oatmeal, and other non-perishable breakfast food during July. We are partnering with Exhilarated Outreach ministry, led by Gloria Fields. All food items will be donated to Jackson House at the end of the month. Last year we collected **192 boxes**... that's a lot of breakfast!



"FOOD FOR THE POOR"

Representative to visit on July 16

Food for the Poor is an international Christian aid organization to serve and empower people in poverty throughout the world. A representative will speak at our services on July 16 to share their mission. Much of their work is done in Central America and the Caribbean. They have also provided food for people in war-torn Ukraine. A free-will offering will be taken for their ministry.

GIVING SHOES AND HOPE TO HOT SPRINGS KIDS! SAMARITAN'S FEET BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Our hope is to serve 500 kids & adults with new athletic shoes as we wash their feet, give encouragement and Jesus' love. We don't have a date or time yet, but we will soon! Please pray about serving in this wonderful community event, which will take place on a Saturday in early August, probably at the Farmer's Market.



Today's Light Bible Reading

	<u>Week 79 - July 3-8</u>
Monday	Mark 16
Tuesday	Luke 1
Wednesday	Luke 2-3
Thursday	Luke 4-5
Friday	Luke 6
Saturday	Luke 7-8
	<u>Week 80—July 10-15</u>
Monday	Luke 9
Tuesday	Luke 10
Wednesday	Luke 11-12
Thursday	Luke 13
Friday	Luke 14
Saturday	Luke 15-16
	<u>Week 81—July 17-22</u>
Monday	Luke 17-18
Tuesday	Luke 19-20
Wednesday	Luke 21-22
Thursday	Luke 23-24
Friday	John 1-2
Saturday	John 3
	<u>Week 82—July 24-29</u>
Monday	John 4
Tuesday	John 5-6
Wednesday	John 7-8
Thursday	John 9-10
Friday	John 11-12
Saturday	John 13-14
	<u>Week 83—July 31—Aug 5</u>
Monday	John 15-16
Tuesday	John 17
Wednesday	John 18-19
Thursday	John 20-21
Friday	Acts 1
Saturday	Acts 2
	<u>Week 84— Aug 7-12</u>
Monday	Acts 3-4
Tuesday	Acts 5
Wednesday	Acts 6-8
Thursday	Acts 9
Friday	Acts 10-11
Saturday	Acts 12
	<u>Week 85—Aug 14-19</u>
Monday	Acts 13-14
Tuesday	Acts 15
Wednesday	Acts 16
Thursday	Acts 17-18:22
Friday	Acts 18:23-21:16
Saturday	Acts 21:17-23
	<u>Week 86—Aug 21-26</u>
Monday	Acts 24-26
Tuesday	Acts 27-28
Wednesday	Romans 1-2
Thursday	Romans 3-4
Friday	Romans 5
Saturday	Romans 6
	<u>Week 87—Aug 28-Sept 2</u>
Monday	Romans 7
Tuesday	Romans 8
Wednesday	Romans 9-11
Thursday	Romans 12
Friday	Romans 13-14
Saturday	Romans 15-16



Ministry Highlights!

I want to invite all of you to join me in welcoming Katrina Watkins as our new Assimilation Director. Christy Allen has held this position since its inception in 2007 until her retirement at the end of 2022. Christy did a wonderful job helping people connect and become an active part of our First Lutheran Family. That's what the Assimilation Director position is all about. It was born out of a need for helping new people feel welcome as they attend for the first time and as they seek to find their place in our congregation & ministry. Most new people are asking this question: Will I be accepted and will I fit in here? The Assimilation Director position helps our new people answer this question in the affirmative. We want everyone God is sending our way to experience God's love, our acceptance, and their divine purpose as they discover their place in our church family and in being His kingdom witness to the world.

The Assimilation Director position also exists to help all of our church family go to the next level in being spiritually connected to Jesus and in living out their kingdom calling. We all have room to grow. We truly want to be that church family that is made up of: Big Faith Believers; Passionate Worshipers; Over-the-top Givers; Selfless Servers; Enthusiastic Encouragers; and those who are committed to living in Authentic Oneness. In this position, Katrina will encourage you to be in worship and in the Word of God on a daily basis. She will help you connect to one of our many Bible Studies we have going on each week; to a small group; and to all the other opportunities that spring up during the year. She will also help you discover your unique giftedness from God for ministry and help you find ways to live it out more and more in the church and in the community as we await the day of Jesus' triumphal return. In addition to all this, Katrina will help all of us get to know each other better so we can love one another as Jesus has loved us and as we do, show the world that we are truly His disciples.

So here's what you can do to help Katrina assimilate into her new position...

1. Pray for her! Katrina is taking a step of faith to dedicate her life to full-time ministry in this way. As she seeks to follow God's call on her life in this way she will come under attack from the enemy to frustrate her, discourage her, and keep her from being effective for God's kingdom in this place. Pray God's protection around her and around her family. Ask the Lord to bless the work she does and to give her the strength needed to persevere in her part of the mission. Pray that the

Lord would guide her steps in all she does and to give her the right words to say in each moment. Thank God for her and that He has sent her to help us to grow and mature as His kingdom family for such a time as this.

2. Encourage her! Take a moment to greet her and tell her how thankful you are that she is serving our Lord and our church in this way. Be willing to help her make our church warm and welcoming for our first-time visitors. Consider being an official or an unofficial greeter on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday morning. When you see someone new, take the initiative to greet them and get to know them. This is something we all can do to encourage Katrina and make her job easier.

3. Help her help you! Make an appointment to visit with Katrina so together you can discover ways to get to the new level in your relationship with Christ and in fulfilling your kingdom calling. Call her, text her, or email her when you have a question or when you might have a suggestion to help her in helping you and others in the church. Be willing to try something new. Dead churches live in a rut. Churches that are alive and full of life are always looking for new ways to grow and bless others. Be willing to step out in faith in doing something new and to encourage others to join you in doing it with you.

I believe you are going to discover that God has been very good to our congregation through the Assimilation Director position. He gave us Christy Allen to get it all started and to help us become the congregation we are today. Then when we were wondering how we would ever replace her, God sent us Katrina to help us grow even more. So join me in welcoming Katrina and in pursuing all God has for us in the days and years to come!

Pastor Jon

BAPTISMS

May 14 Reginald Miles, Jr.
Shakyrá Shavon Davis
May 21 Elliot Alan McNew



New Members:
Heidi Jo Fortson

July 2023



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KEEP IN PRAYER

Members: Shalanya Grigsby Gloria Fields Juanita Metzler Barb Meiners Craig Wright
Judy Slebodnik Nancy Reiningger Elaine Raines Angela Looney
Jean Sexton Harry Schumacher Jeff Stuhr Hazel Erickson

Family and Friends: Loretta Thompson (Don Thompson) Linda Beebe & Don Gamble (Dona Smith) Al Kettner (Ron Clark)
Randy Barrett (Jeannie Barrett) Steven Swanigan (Johnson) Chris Campbell (Allen) Paul Beyer (Beyer)



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OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN SERVICE

July

8:30 Worship Service

Readers

7/2 Cindy Gage
7/9 Suann Clayton
7/16 Jackie Johnson
7/23 Carrie Thompson
7/30 Don Thompson

Guest Services (Greeter)

7/2 Tanya Spencer
7/9 Craig Wright
7/16 Stan Clayton
7/23 Suann Clayton
7/30 Fred Lienemann

Sunday Office

7/2 Sharon Ludwig
7/9 Sheila Foley
7/16 Sharon Ludwig
7/23 Sheila Foley
7/30 Sharon Ludwig

11:00 Worship Service

Readers

7/2 Bryn Braughton
7/9 Clyde Hughley
7/16 Mark Dillard
7/23 McKenzie Kimble
7/30 Anne Stuhr

Altar Guild Elaine Raines

August

8:30 Worship Service

Readers

8/6 David Steele
8/13 Cindy Gage
8/20 Stan Clayton
8/27 Jackie Johnson

Guest Services (Greeter)

8/6 Tanya Spencer
8/13 Craig Wright
8/20 Stan Clayton
8/27 Suann Clayton

Sunday Office

8/6 Sharon Ludwig
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11:00 Worship Service

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CHURCH ELDERS

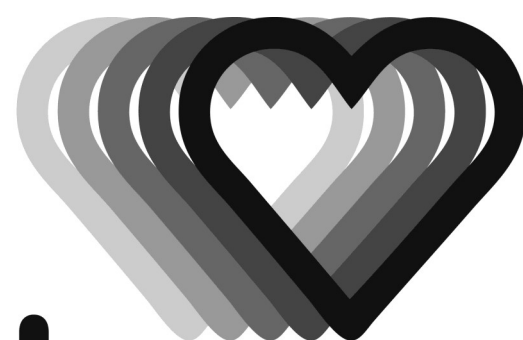
8:30 SERVICE

Randal Brockett
Eric Taylor
Fred Lienemann
Jimmy Hackelton
Eric Roe

11:00 SERVICE

Jason Byers
Clyde Hughley
Jack Crosby
Mark Dillard
Jason Looney

If you would like to speak to an Elder, please contact the church office for the correct phone number.



**Love ...
in truth
and action.**

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV

First Lutheran Church - LCMS

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501-525-0322 E-mail: flchs@flchs.com Website: www.flchs.com
Worship Services—Saturdays @ 4 p.m. Sundays @ 8:30 & 11 a.m.

May Attendance					June Attendance					
	4:00	8:30	11:00	Total		4:00	8:30	11:00	Total	
	6,7	21	59	119	199	3,4	20	75	105	200
	13,14	25	79	110	214	10,11	20	114	110	244
	20,21	16	86	103	205	17,18	14	84	96	194
	27,28	16	82	97	195	24,25	19	84	95	198



FIRST WORD is online! Find the link on our church's website www.flchs.com. There's a whole library of past sermons and videos to watch. You can register to give your offerings online also.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: New devotional booklets are available for July—September. Pick up a copy from the Welcome Center and spend time meditating on God's Word each day.

Enjoying this Journey

by Jackie Johnson

I have a very, very important question to you who are reading this article. **Does the Lord know you?** Our Wednesday Morning small group has been studying the Sermon on the Mount for the last several weeks. As I'm preparing for the class, this Scripture gripped my very being.

Matthew 7:21-23 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?" Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

Fear gripped me. I began to question the validity of my own faith. Immediately I began to reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ. I asked God to shine His light in the deepest, darkest recesses of my heart and help me to be a true follower of Jesus Christ. I asked the Holy Spirit to help me. Change me. Open my eyes to Truth. It was a time of humble submission at the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ reaffirming my need for a Savior.

So today, if you never have, invite Jesus Christ into your heart. Make him Lord of your life. Get to know this Risen Savior personally, intimately. Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." That means Jesus will come in and make Himself known to you. The Holy Spirit will help lead you and guide you on this journey called life. You can have a relationship with God that is alive, real and encompasses every single area of your life. It is **so much more** than just knowing **about** Jesus, it is about Jesus knowing you.

Join me in prayer: Gracious Lord, we do not want to be counted among those who give you lip service and our hearts be far from you. Today we declare that we want a relationship with you. We want to know you. We want to be known by you. To walk with you. To talk with You. To experience Your love. We turn from sin and our every attempt to try to do things apart from you. We put our trust in you and you alone. In Jesus' name. Amen.

by Jackie Johnson



SMALL GROUPS BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Small groups meet for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship during the week.

Get connected to Christ's body at FLC. Contact the Church Office to help you find the right small group!

- † **Bible Buddies** —Odis & Lorene Burroughs, Leaders 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30 pm at Burrough's home
- † **ChicChat** — Sharon Echols, Leader 1st Wednesday 5:30 pm @ Sharon Echol's home.
- † **Enlighteners** —David & Linda Steele, Leaders 1st & 3rd Monday 1:00 pm at church
- † **Men's Breakfast** —Jerry Edgin, Leader Thursdays 6:00 am at English Muffin Café
- † **Wednesdays in the Word** —Jackie Johnson, Leader Wednesdays 9:00 am Fellowship Hall
- † **Just for Men**—Pastor Jon, Leader Saturdays 8 am Church Fellowship Hall
- + **Mommies & Friends** - Jackie Johnson, Leader 1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 2:30 p.m. Life Center (free childcare)



YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP CONTINUES WITH NEXT LEVEL SPORTS

The YMCA summer camp continues this month with over 200 campers! On Tuesday & Thursday mornings Pastors Jon & Anthony and Mary Wittnebert are sharing basketball skills, team building and life skills with many of the campers. They meet from 9-10 a.m. Please drive slowly on our campus this summer and watch for kids!



SUMMER YARDWORK ON FRIDAYS!

All of our church property is mowed and maintained by volunteer labor. There are always opportunities for weed-eating, mowing, and trimming. Pastor Anthony will be on campus every other Friday by 7 a.m to facilitate the work needed! The dates are July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18. Contact Pastor Jon or Pastor Anthony to get started this month!



Melissa Guin	7/1
Lillian Vail	7/6
Teah Edgin	7/7
Justin Barthel	7/8
Stacey Steven-Assheuer	7/8
Katia Hughley	7/9
Ruth Clement	7/10
Clyda Sexton	7/10
Rob Bischof	7/14
Peggy Brockett	7/15
Joan Edwards	7/16
Dagan Hackelton	7/16
Linda Schumacher	7/16
Maelu Ellis	7/17
Jack Jones	7/18
Denise Barthel	7/19
Lacretia Cooper	7/19
Connie Early	7/20
Alice Wright	7/20
Anthony Johnson	7/25
Sharon Thornton	7/25
Wilda Hughley	7/27
Robin Wilson	7/27
Hazel Kelly	7/28
Nicholas Barthel	7/31



JULY

Alan & Denise Barthel	7/1	34 yrs
Carl & Patricia Sitzenstock	7/3	58 yrs
Mark & Becky Rosburg	7/13	32 yrs
Kevin & Silvia Frank	7/13	31 yrs
Brad & Catherine Sexton	7/13	21 yrs
Ron & Athena Clark	7/17	47yrs
David & Joyellen Rosamond	7/17	31 yrs
Stephan & Connie Early	7/20	47 yrs
Fred & Elaine Lienemann	7/20	55 yrs
Jerry & Christi Gilmore	7/21	44 yrs
David & Jackie Swan	7/22	28 yrs
Darrell & Katie Weston	7/27	21 yrs

AUGUST

Harry & Linda Schumacher	8/3	60 yrs
Rob & Amy Snider	8/4	33 yrs
Ted & Pam Mahn	8/6	44 yrs
David & Linda Steele	8/16	49 yrs
Barney & Valerie Bond	8/18	45 yrs
Billy & Cindy Gage	8/20	35 yrs
Cheryl & James Moore	8/20	18yrs
Gary & Lin Carnahan	8/21	52 yrs
Jake & Cierra Fisher	8/21	1 yr
Roy & Betty Goldberger	8/25	55 yrs
Henry & Linda Thompson	8/27	57 yrs



Philita Jones	8/1
William Kitkoski	8/4
Lylah Ytzen	8/5
Meredith Sexton	8/6
Jonathan Beyer	8/7
Brenda Schroeder	8/7
Mary Roche	8/8
Jeannie Barrett	8/9
Cherie Rosborough	8/10
Jimmy Hackelton	8/11
Bob Raines	8/11
Terry Tompkins	8/11
Makayla Gillespie	8/12
Mary Turner	8/12
David Swan	8/13
Reggie Miles Jr.	8/14
Randal Brockett	8/15
Wendy Kitkoski	8/16
Greg Rapier	8/17
Leslie Taylor	8/18
Rachel Snider	8/19
Ray Price	8/23
Hazel Erickson	8/24
Brittany Turner	8/26
Faye Breckling	8/27
Samantha Rosburg	8/27
Katrina Watkins	8/27
Brad Sexton	8/28
Bernard Givens	8/29
Mary Dwiggin	8/30
Juanita Metzler	8/30
David Rosamond	8/30



Our ONE-EIGHTY students are learning the truths from God's Word this summer in Confirmation classes that are being held during the week, usually on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Contact Pastor Anthony for more information on Summer Confirmation. We are already planning our After-School program for the

fall. We are praying about new opportunities to reach more youth in our community with healthy activities, fellowship and mentoring. Pray with us that God shows us His plan for sharing His great love and future with teenagers in our city, so that we can be effective in our ministry.

FALCO'S CHILDREN'S VILLAGE- TANZANIA

Jerry & Valerie have just taken in several new babies! They now have over 90 children. If you are willing to help them throughout the year, please donate by making a one time donation through First Lutheran Church or mail it to: Falco's Children Africa, Inc. P.O Box 14 Sapulpa, OK 74067 You can give online at www.FalcosChildrenAfrica.org You can sponsor a child for \$40/month at www.hishandsfortanzania.org



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Pete Foelker: Falco's Children's Home by Kenny & Christy Allen;
In memory of Maxene Hanson: Mommies & Friends by Kenny & Christy Allen; General Fund by Sharon Ludwig, Randal & Peggy Brockett; LWML by Henry & Linda Thompson
In memory of Susie Garcia: Mommies & Friends by Kenny & Christy Allen; General Fund by Randal & Peggy Brockett
In memory of Shirley Rosburg: General Fund & Youth Fund by Karen Kozlik
In memory of Richard Heinrich: General Fund by Joni Nelson
In memory of Ellen Meyers: General Fund by Joni Nelson
In memory of Doug Clement: Choir Fund by Hazel Erickson

YOUNG MOMS GET TOGETHER: "Mommies & Friends Group"

A small group for young mothers ages 16—30+ is meeting the first and third Saturdays of each month in the Family Life Center. Our next gathering is July 1 & 22, August 5 & 19. Come and connect with other young mothers. Read and study the Bible together. Pray together. Get support and be a support in a Christian environment. Free child-care is available. Contact Jackie Johnson (501) 282-9939.

SERVING IN THE ALTAR GUILD: We have a need for members who can help prepare Holy Communion for our services, especially the 11:00 service. This preparation can be done on Saturday or Sunday morning. Contact Peggy Brockett or Karen Beyer for more information.

SCRIPTURE MARATHON ENDS WITH A BLESSING

On Saturday, June 24 we read aloud from God's Word starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 3:15 p.m. Church members came at 15 minute intervals to read, starting at Genesis Chapter 1. When all of Genesis was read, we went to Judges, Ruth, and the Gospel of Matthew. The final reader read through Matthew 17 and gave a closing prayer, when suddenly a youth came into the Sanctuary and said he wanted to read. So he began reading Matthew 18, which begins, "At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And He said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." We could feel God's blessing on our Scripture Marathon as a child closed it out reading these words.

To God be the glory!

Scripture Writing: Join us in writing these Bible verses each day!

JULY—FREEDOM IN CHRIST



- 1 Romans 8:1-2
- 2 Romans 8:3-4
- 3 Romans 8:5
- 4 1 Peter 2:16
- 5 Romans 8:6
- 6 Romans 8:7-8
- 7 Romans 8:9-10
- 8 Romans 8:11
- 9 Romans 8:12-14
- 10 Romans 8:15
- 11 Catch-up Day
- 12 Galatians 5:1-3
- 13 Romans 8:16-17
- 14 1 John 3:1
- 15 Romans 8:18-19
- 16 Romans 8:20-21
- 17 Romans 8:22-23
- 18 Romans 8:24-25
- 19 Romans 8:26-27
- 20 Romans 8:28
- 21 Catch-up Day
- 22 Romans 8:29-30
- 23 Romans 8:31
- 24 Romans 8:32
- 25 Romans 8:33
- 26 Romans 8:34
- 27 Romans 8:35
- 28 Psalm 118:4-6
- 29 Romans 8:36-37
- 30 Romans 8:38-39
- 31 Catch-up Day

AUGUST—SEEK & YOU WILL FIND

- 1) Psalm 9:9-10
- 2) Psalm 27:4
- 3) Psalm 34:9-10
- 4) Psalm 34:11-14
- 5) Proverbs 15:9
- 6) Hosea 6:3
- 7) Catch-up Day
- 8) Proverbs 21:21
- 9) Proverbs 28:5
- 10) 1 Chron. 16:11-12
- 11) Isaiah 51:1-3
- 12) Lamentations 3:25
- 13) Matthew 6:31-33
- 14) Catch-up Day
- 15) Romans 9:30-32
- 16) Romans 14:16-19
- 17) 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
- 18) 1 Corinthians 9:26-27
- 19) 1 Timothy 6:10-11
- 20) 1 Timothy 6:12
- 21) Catch-up Day
- 22) 1 Timothy 6:13-16
- 23) 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- 24) 1 Timothy 6:20-21
- 25) 2 Timothy 2:22-26
- 26) 1 Peter 3:8-9
- 27) 1 Peter 3:10-12
- 28) Catch-up Day
- 29) 1 Peter 3:13-16
- 30) Hebrews 12:14-15
- 31) Proverbs 4:7-8

LWML—Lutheran Women in Mission

All ladies are welcome to our monthly Bible Study/Meetings in the Fellowship Hall.

- Monday 12:30 pm July 10
- Monday 12:30 p.m. August 14

We start with refreshments, share a Bible study, then discuss the local and international mission projects we are involved with. Join us in the Mission!



KIDS CHURCH CONNECTS KIDS TO JESUS!

Children are excused each week during worship services for Kid's Church 8:30 Service— In July & August we are learning about God's promise to Abraham— from the stars He put in the sky. We also teach this lesson in the Nursery at 11:00 a.m.



11:00 Service Kids Church (4 yr olds-4th grade)
 July Theme: David on the Run—God is For Us!
 August Theme: Mission Possible—
 Jesus Gives Us Special Work to Do!

SERVING LUNCH @ JACKSON HOUSE

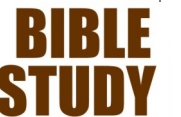
Jackson House lunch is scheduled for July 10. We all meet at 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. to prepare and serve lunch. If you would like to join us doing the Lord's work and have some fun, too, please call Linda Colley @ (501)760-1547, so that she can schedule each team.

HANDBELL CHOIR PROVIDES SPECIAL MUSIC

Our handbell choir came together in June to practice a special arrangement of "America the Beautiful" for our July 2 worship service at 8:30 a.m.. We thank Mike Verble for his directing, Barb Meiners, for her piano accompaniment, and all of the members of our bell choir: Anne Stuhr, Christy Allen, Sharon Echols, Carrie Thompson, Elaine Lienemann, Don Thompson, Ben Feia, David Steele, Cindy Gage, Jonathan Nethery, Justin Barthel, Denise Barthel, Becky Rosburg, Jamie Barker, and Karen Beyer.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

The "Better Man" group will continue to meet each Monday evening at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with the exception of July 17. God is moving in the lives of men through this weekly gathering. All men are invited to join us. The Monday Women's Bible Study will not meet in July. We will start up again on Monday, August 7 at 6 pm in the Church Narthex.



GOOD NEWS CLUB

During the school year, members of our church held a Good News Club for children after-school at the YMCA and Langston School. We had so much fun sharing Bible stories and doing games and crafts with the children. From July 10-13 we will be doing a Good News Club here for the YMCA camp kids who want to be part of it, from 1:30—3 pm. If you'd like to help with this ministry, contact Lin Carnahan @ (479) 283-1727.

THANK YOU'S!

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,
 Thank you so much for the hand-knitted lap robe you provided through Genesis Cancer Center. I keep it near my recliner to warm my ever-chilly knees. It was thoughtful and generous of you to reach out to a complete stranger with care and love.

Sincerely, Mary Thames Bundy

We are grateful & blessed! The Hot Springs Christian Home-school Community thanks First Lutheran Church for your generosity in allowing us to use your facility. In two years, we have grown to over 100 students! Your kindness and support helped get us there and we greatly appreciate it.
 Melissa Fitsimones & families of the Home School group

Note: Because this community has grown to over 100 students, they are moving their meeting place to another location for the fall. We will miss their presence here each Tuesday morning.

A big thank You to Pastor Jon and Pastor Anthony for an excellent memorial service for Maxene and a special thanks to everyone at First Lutheran for all your prayers and cards. Thanks also to the Enlighteners Small Group for the meals and to the Touch Team for serving a very good chicken dinner following the memorial service.

Sincerely, Marvin Hanson

Dear First Lutheran Family,
 I am so thankful for the cards, visits, and special snacks from Christy Allen while I was ill. I am thankful to be back in church, my happy place!

In love, Jeannie Barrett

Our Spaghetti Fundraiser was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed lunch and fellowship and to those who have donated. Through this fundraiser we raised over \$750.00 towards our Atlanta Conference trip coming up in September. Thanks also to the Thrivent Action Team funds which paid all food expenses!

Jackie Johnson & Mommies & Friends members