

First Hearts

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Made Holy

We must be persuaded how much God loved us so that we don't shrink from Him in despair. And we need to be shown also what kind of people we are whom He loved so that we also don't withdraw from Him out of pride. But He dealt with us so that we could profit from His strength, and, in the weakness of humility, our holiness could be perfected. One of the Psalms implies this. It says, "Thou, O God, didst send a spontaneous rain, whereby Thou didst make Thine inheritance perfect, when it was weary." The "spontaneous rain" is grace given freely and not according to merit. He didn't give it because we were worthy, but because He willed. Knowing this, we shouldn't trust in ourselves. That is what is meant by being made "weak." However, He perfects us and says to the Apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.: We, then, must be persuaded how much God loved us and what type of people we were whom He loved. The former is important, lest we despair; the latter, lest we become proud. *St. Augustine*

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:1

Worship This Month

WORSHIP THIS MONTH – This month we conclude the Season of Lent with Holy Week and Easter! Join us for worship this blessed season!

March 6 – 4th Sunday in Lent: *Isaiah 12:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.*

March 13 – 5th Sunday in Lent: *Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; Luke 20:9-20.*

March 20 – Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday: *Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40.*

March 24 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.: *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:15-25; Luke 22:7-20.*

March 25 – Good Friday Service at Noon with Communion
and

Good Friday Service of Darkness at 8:00 p.m.:
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 19:17-30.

March 27 – Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Easter Festival Service with Communion at 10:30 a.m.: *Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12.*

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. with Communion. "It is finished" is our theme.

It is finished. . .

1. so stop working
2. so stop making war
3. so stop weeping
4. so stop being so weak (March 2)
5. so stop worrying (March 9)
6. so stop wanting (March 16)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is Palm Sunday, March 20. Please pray for our confirmands: Dylan & Nathan Baum, Chris Dalton, Paul Hunze, and Annie & Robbie Miller.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The church will be open all day for prayer or you certainly can pray at your workplace or home. A list of Bible readings and prayer requests will be made available. Let us keep watch and pray.

Prayer List

OUR PRAYER LIST SHOULD INCLUDE:

Sick or Burdened Members:

General: Jim Beck, Don Weaver

Homebound (* = Nursing Home): Margot Bridges, Gladys Frankenberg, Evelyn Haynes, Ralph & Dottie Mertz, Blaine Smith, Jerry Stewart, Harold & Katherine Whitaker; *Jerry Wing

Serving Our Country: Brett Anthonijs, Robert Boatman, Isaac Davis, Chad Kaiser, Matt Kaiser, Adam Smith, Jeff Stone

Other Prayer Requests:

MEMBERS WITH SICKNESS OR BURDENS:

Inez Anderson (cancer) Kim Robinson (liver disease)
 Brion Bissell (blood disorder) Carl Testerman (cancer)
 Connie Bowling (cancer) Judy Testerman (cancer)
 Gene Franklin (having tests) Bob VanDervort (cancer)
 Arnold & Donna Korte the Varner family
 Sharon Mueller Don & Carolyn Weaver

NON-MEMBERS WITH SICKNESS OR BURDENS:

Gabe Blake (Kara Sircy's friend, cancer free after 6 rounds of chemo; pray for continued healing)
 Vicki Basler Booth (Shirley Watson's niece) with cancer of the ear
 Diane Baum's mother, who is ill
 Julie Brummitt (Jim & Rosa Beck's daughter)
 B. Cox (Mary Acuff Croes' friend) experiencing health diagnostic procedures
 Carroll DeArmond (Karen's husband) with dementia
 Steven Dew (Carolyn Weaver's friend)
 Dawn Duckett (Wendy Slifka's friend), undergoing surgery and 8 weeks recovery
 Susan Elseroad (Pastor Elseroad's wife) with lung

cancer

James Flanigan (Eric's brother)

Jenny Frazier (Carla Poore's boss's niece), needs your continuing prayers of supplication and intercession as she will be undergoing aggressive radiation treatment at UAB prior to being evaluated at Vanderbilt for an 18-month immunotherapy clinical trial, and prayers of thanksgiving for these beneficial opportunities.

Wei Huang (Adam Breeden's friend) who is recovering from a bad accident

Madison Haynes (Joy Witt's relative)

Brian Hinkel (Art Poisal's friend) with complications after back surgery

Helen Linderfelt (Lynda Graves' friend)

Joyce Lipscomb (the Elmore's' friend)

Ammette Lotivio (Marc Blais's friend) with pancreatic cancer

Beryl Lusbay

Joanne Mattingly

Barbara Mills (the Rodenbeck family's friend), having emergency surgery in Nashville

Phil Moore (Mary Acuff Croes' friend)

Darlene O'Brien (Art Poisal's co-worker) with lymphoma

Tom O'Brien (Marissa Wilson's co-worker's husband) with prostate cancer

Evie Ortmeier (Mary Acuff Croes' relative)

Tom Roberts (Sara's grandfather) with Alzheimer's

Susan Rodenbeck's sister, with cancer

Daniel Rule (the Slifkas' friend) suffering from RSD

Jason Rutledge

Connie Warren (Slifka family friend), undergoing breast cancer treatment

Jennifer Wells (Bob Hotaling's co-worker)

having 2-3 hour surgery for brain & spine injuries with 6-8 weeks recovery time

Lorrie (Tiffany Smolter's mother)

The family and co-workers of Rich Poff (Marissa Wilson's co-worker) who committed suicide

Jackson (Art Poisal's friend) with leukemia

Joel (newborn son of Jennifer Elmore's customer)

struggling with health problems

Other News and Happenings

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2.

DAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8

BOARD OF ELDERS will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8.

55 ALIVE – Thursday, March 10, we will have two missionaries, Robert and Rima Burch, who are serving with Operation Mobilization, USDA. They are fluent in modern Hebrew, Arabic and English. They are planning to return to Jerusalem to witness to those living there. They will have an exciting Power Point presentation, and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon @ \$7.00/person. Looking forward to seeing you there!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2015 have been placed in your mailboxes. Please let the church office know by March 15 if you need any changes made.

TIME AND TALENT SURVEY -- Please complete the Time and Talent Survey and place it in the box in the back of church. We all can serve our church in some way. Thank you!

LUTHERAN WITNESS – A member has generously provided several copies of The Lutheran Witness for use by the congregation. If you would like to have a copy, please see an usher.

School News and Happenings

CALENDAR

2 – Early Dismissal for Teacher In-Service – ECE and Student Services will be open

6 – Kindergarten & 1st Grade sing at FLC

11 – 2nd Grade Assembly at 2:30

11 – NoUniday – theme: black and white
 14-18 – Spring Break (Student Services and ECE open March 14-17, closed March 18)
 25-28 – Easter Holiday – all facilities closed
 29 – Spring Portraits and Kindergarten Cap and Gown pictures

NEWS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Members and Friends,

February has quickly passed and we are now entering the busy month of March. This time of year we are usually finished with any threats of snow and the beauty of an East Tennessee spring is just around the corner.

As we are in the heart of the season of Lent and await the triumphant Eastertide, we are reminded daily of our call to prepare our students for Eternal life. While this task may seem daunting, it is a gift to share the saving love of Jesus Christ with our students daily. While every vocation allows opportunities to witness and share the gospel, I am particularly fond of the work the Holy Spirit accomplishes as we teach students of God's unwavering love for us, while the students teach us what it is to have the faith of a child.

Easter is an especially wonderful time to spend with children. The excitement of egg hunting, candy, and time spent with family pales in comparison to the joy and wonder of the resurrection and knowledge that in Christ we will live forever.

March also holds a lot of exciting activities at FLS. Assemblies, NoUnidays, and spring portraits are just the tip of the iceberg during the third month. We also have spring break to enjoy the 14th-18th. Holy Week will hold some time to share more with students about the sorrow, anticipation, and joy that comes with Christ's death and resurrection.

In HIS Service

Lindsey Hofman, Interim Principal

**DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL
NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Kris Weaver
- 2 – Lily Varner
- 6 – Michelle Breeden
- 7 – John Hofman
- 8 – Brian Cutler
- 10 – John Schulz Jr., David Varner
- 12 – Shelbie Bender, Carolyn Weaver
- 14 – Lin Holloway III, Zoe Price
- 18 – Kelsey Denton, Sharon Lee
- 19 – Beth Crockett
- 21 – Doug Rodenbeck
- 22 – AnnMarie Bissell, Bobbie Dunn
- 23 – Matt Kaiser
- 27 – Meghan Meissner, Marion Samuel
- 28 – Jean Chambers
- 30 – John Milligan

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Rick & Michelle Breeden, Benny & Marion Samuel
- 25 – Roger & Melanie Bartholomay

Paul J. Bushur, Pastor; Ceci Steele, Editor.
Worship Services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Children’s Sunday
School and Adult Bible Classes are held on
Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>March 2016</h1>						
		1 12:30 I Kings Bible Class	2 8:30 <i>School Chapel.</i> 3:45 Word & Song 5:30 Lutheran Ring. Rehears. 6:30 Worship Service 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	3	4 6:00 Soccer	5 3:00 Soccer
6 8:45 First Bells Rehearsal 9:00 Fellowship 9:15 SS & Bible Classes 10:30 Worship: K-I Choir 12:15 Confirmation Class	7 6:00 Book of Isaiah 6:00 Soccer	8 6:00 <i>Day School Board</i> 7:00 Board of Elders	9 8:30 <i>School Chapel</i> 3:45 Word & Song 5:30 Lutheran Ring. Rehears. 6:30 Worship Service 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Board of Trustees	10 12:00 55 Alive	11 6:00 Soccer	12 9:00 Workday 3:00 Soccer
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20 MITEBOX SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8:45 First Bells Rehearsal 9:15 SS & Bible Classes 10:30 Worship Service	21 6:00 Book of Isaiah 6:00 Soccer	22	23 8:30 <i>School Chapel</i> 3:45 Word & Song 5:30 Lutheran Ring. Rehears. NO WORSHIP SERVICE 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	24 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 Worship Service	25 GOOD FRIDAY 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil 12:00 Worship w/communion 8:00 Service of Darkness NO SCHOOL / NO ECE	26 HOLY SATURDAY 9:00 Mission Serve 3:00 Soccer

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27 <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i> 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:00 Breakfast 8:45 First Bells Rehearsal 9:15 SS & Bible Classes 10:30 Worship Service	28 <i>EASTER MONDAY</i> 9:30 Quilting 6:00 Book of Isaiah 6:00 Soccer <i>NO SCHOOL / NO ECE</i>	29	30 8:30 <i>School Chapel</i> 3:45 <i>Word & Song</i> 5:30 Lutheran Ring. Rehears. 6:30 Worship Service 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	31		