

First Hearts

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Unceasing Requests

He who knows what we need before we ask Him has urged us to pray by saying: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." The Lord told the story of a widow who wanted justice done to her enemy. By her unceasing requests, she persuaded an evil judge to listen to her. The judge wasn't moved because of justice or mercy, but because he was overcome by her wearisome pleas. The story encourages us that the Lord God, who is merciful and just, pays attention to our continual prayers more than when this widow won over the indifferent, unjust, and wicked judge by her unceasing requests. . . . The Lord gives a similar lesson in the parable of the man who had nothing to give to a traveling friend. He tried to borrow three loaves . . . from another friend who was already asleep. By his very urgent and insistent requests, he succeeded in waking the friend, who gave him as many loaves as he needed. But this friend was motivated by his wish to avoid further annoyances, not by generosity. Through this story, the Lord taught that those who are asleep are compelled to give to the person who disturbs them, but those who never sleep will give with much more kindness. In fact, He even rouses us from sleep so that we can ask from Him.

St. Augustine

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. (Isaiah 65:24)

Worship This Month

May 1 – 6th Sunday of Easter: *Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 5:1-9.*

May 8 – 7th Sunday of Easter: *Acts 1:12-26;*

Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20; John 17:20-26.

May 15– Day of Pentecost: *Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31.*

May 22 – Holy Trinity: *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-59.*

May 29 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost: *1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10.*

ASCENSION EVE WORSHIP on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. Come worship the Lord as He returns home after His triumph!

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP with Word and Communion each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT FLC BEGINS IN JUNE! (June - August)

Sundays

8:15 a.m. – Worship with Communion

9:15 a.m. – Bible Class for older children and adults, Sunday School for preschool - 2nd grade

10:30 a.m. – Divine Service IV with Communion

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)

Toni Capparelli (Lawrence Capparelli's father)

Elizabeth Clabaugh (Doug Rodenbeck's sister-in-law) in intensive care after emergency surgery and not doing well

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), has completed a round of radiation at UAB and went to Vanderbilt for evaluation; her mother indicated UAB is confident Jenny will be accepted into clinical trial at Vandy

Glen Haynes (member of Richard Haynes' family), who is very ill

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 Elmores' friend)

Annette 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

Renate Wille (Elisabeth Krueger's sister in Germany), who had a bad fall

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

PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for 7:15 on Wednesday, May 4.

DAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, for preparation of budget.

BOARD OF ELDERS will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10.

55 ALIVE will meet at noon on Thursday, May 12, with a delectable luncheon at \$7.00/person. Pastor Bushur will speak on "Something from His Heart." Hope to see you there!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES meeting and workday at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14.

VOTERS' MEETING on Sunday, May 22, after worship and lunch.

NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM for our school needs funding: The Fire Marshall is requiring that our school fire alarm system must meet the current code standards for the safety of our children and the new system MUST be installed by May 8, 2016; otherwise, the school is at risk of being shut down until they are up to code. At the February 23rd Voters' Meeting the motion to authorize the Trustees to get this work completed was approved at a cost of \$25,000. Since the school is a critical part of our Ministry to our community, we as members are being asked to raise this amount by the end of May. Please pray for our school and make a gift to keep our school safe for our children. A progress chart will be posted on the bulletin board across from our mail boxes showing weekly updates.

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY – Our Stephen's Ministry is going well. Leaders are Susan Spicer and Sherril Hunze, and members are Wendy Slifka, Tiffany Smolter, Sally Collver, Beth Buckner, Dan Jordan, and John Mueller. Remember that they are available to help anyone, including families of our school children who are not members of FLC. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their ministry.

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

4 – 8th Grade presents Chapel
6 – Spring Musical at 6:00. ECE closing at 5:00 p.m.

10-13 – 8th Grade class trip to Washington DC
11 – ECE presents Chapel
11-13 – 7th Grade class trip to Nashville
11-13 – 5th & 6th Grade class trip to River Ridge
12 – Kindergarten Circus
16 – ECE to 8th Grade FUN DAY
17 – Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduation at 7:00 p.m.
18 – ECE Graduation
19 – Last Day of School – Half Day – K - 8th dismiss at 12:00 noon – ECE and Student Services close at 1:00 p.m.

NEWS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

As I look to the month of May I consider all of the fun events planned for the close of the school year: field trips, year book signings, graduations, field day, sing-a-longs, the spring musical, and the beginning of summer vacation. At the same time, we also reflect on the trials and triumphs the last nine months have held. This time of year is unique as we anticipate the beginning of a new chapter while reminiscing about the fond memories of those students who will be leaving us.

This month will hold many milestones. Such milestones are the kindergarten and 8th grade graduation, and the ECE graduation. However, before these celebrations we have a few other happenings. The middle school students will go on their respective end-of-the-year field trips to Washington, Nashville, and River Ridge. We look forward to the kindergarten circus on May 12th. All are invited to join us for the Spring Musical on May 6th and to enjoy a meal or two at Brixx Pizza on Kingston Pike to support FLS.

With the end of the year approaching, it is imperative to thank each member of First Lutheran Church for your prayers, support, and encouragement. Over 145 years ago, the founders of our church saw and understood the importance of providing children a Christ-centered education.

While many things have changed for our mission over the last 145 years, the commitment to spread the good news of the gospel through your school has stood fast. God has truly blessed our ministry and I look forward to witnessing all the ways he will bless us for years to come! *In HIS Service*

Lindsey Hofman, Interim Principal

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Barb Eisold
- 3 – Alice Munsey
- 4 – Clara Cox
- 5 – Morgan Slomski
- 6 – Jim Roberts, Arlene Stern
- 7 – Karen Fortune, Nicholas Mueller
- 9 – Jim Scarlett
- 10 – Chuck Baum, Carmine Capparelli,
Harrison Killian
- 11 – Jerry Wing
- 13 – Greg Buckner
- 14 – Miranda Witt
- 15 – Margot Bridges
- 16 – Mike Jones, Kim Mabe, Annette Tower
- 18 – Heidi Bartholomay
- 19 – Dylan Keiser, Aaron Wade
- 21 – Taylor Day, Angel Mueller, Cutter
Tillman
- 22 – Michael Warwick, Penny Wright
- 23 – Chelcie Holloway
- 26 – Josh Lelle, Jeff Wheat
- 27 – Olivia Killian, David Norton
- 28 – Liam Milbourn, Benny Samuel

ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 – David & Karen Varner
- 26 – Mike & Melissa Sanders
- 27 – Kevin & Vicki Broyles
- 28 – Brad & Bethany Capehart, Don & Terrie
Yeatts

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, MAY 20

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
29 9:15 SS & Bible Class 10:30 Worship Service	30 <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i> 6:00 Soccer	31				