

First Hearts

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Waiting for Us

Always remember that we have renounced the world and are living here as guests and strangers in the meantime. Anticipate the day assigned to each of us for our homecoming. This day will snatch us up, set us free from the snares of the world, and return us to Paradise and the kingdom. Who, in foreign lands, wouldn't hurry to return to their own country? Who, when rushing to return to his friends, wouldn't eagerly want the winds at his back so that he could embrace those dear to him sooner? We consider paradise as our country. We already consider the patriarchs as our parents. Why don't we hurry and run, so that we can see our country and greet our parents? A great number of our dear ones are waiting for us there. A dense crowd of parents, brothers, and children is longing for us, already assured of their own safety and eager for our salvation. Beloved, let us hurry to these people eagerly. Let us long to be with them and to come to Christ quickly. May God see our eager desire. May the Lord Jesus Christ look at the purpose of our mind and faith. He will give the larger rewards of His glory to those with a greater desire for Him!

Cyprian (early church pastor)

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:20)

Worship This Month

Praise the Lord, O my soul! Let all that is within me, praise His holy name! Come worship the Lord this month!

July 3 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost: *Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 1:1-10, 14-18; Luke 10:1-20.*

July 10 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost:

Leviticus 19:9-18; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.

July 17 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost: *Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:28-42.*

July 24 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost:

Genesis 18:20-33; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13.

July 31 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.

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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT FLC BEGAN 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, 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)

Susan Elseroad (Pastor Elseroad's wife) with lung
cancer

James Flanigan (Eric's brother)

Jenny Frazier (Carla Poore's boss's niece) whose
condition has deteriorated to the point that her
doctor is recommending hospice care; prayers
also requested for her loved ones as they
continue to work through the grieving process

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)

Karen Nall

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)

Kim Renfro (Pat Wrinkle's friend) with cancer

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

THANK YOU to...

* Pastor Smithey and Pastor Schulz for filling
in while Pastor Bushur was on vacation!

* all VBS helpers! Great job witnessing to
our children!

* all who helped with the Rummage Sale last
month! \$1,300 was raised for our youth to go to
New Orleans this summer to the LCMS National
Youth Conference.

* Shellia Byrd for leading our kickball team
and helping so much with the Rummage Sale and
fellowship activities. Great job!

OFFICE HOURS during the summer will be 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday, and closed on Mondays, through August 5.

1 KINGS BIBLE CLASS resumes on July 5.

DAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12.

BOARD OF ELDERS will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES meeting and workday at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 16.

PASTOR BUSHUR SUMMER VACATION – Pastor Bushur will be on vacation June 6 - July 4. Pastors Schulz and Smithey will be conducting the worship services on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Smithey or Pastor Schulz.

FIRST LUTHERAN HAS SPONSORED a Right to Life ad that is on the billboard across Wells Street from the church. It is on the side of the billboard facing the church. We felt you should be aware of this in order to see it. Look at it soon as it is scheduled to be pulled shortly.

School News and Happenings

CALENDAR

May 23 - August 5 – Summer Day Camp

NEWS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

Summer is in full swing! This time of year is full of excitement as the Summer Day Camp staff provides fun activities for their students, and the K-8 staff prepares for the upcoming school year.

The Summer Day Camp has been very successful this year with 94 registrants. This is the largest number of children we have ever had attend our summer camp. This year children are

traveling around the world in preparation for the 2016 Olympics. Some of the countries visited so far are Greece and of course Germany! There is no shortage of fun for the students attending camp, but all of the fun would not be possible without the hard work of Mrs. Eimmerman and her dedicated staff.

The K-8 teachers are working hard to prepare for the 147th school year! I am especially excited about this coming school year as we will be introducing Band and Spanish back into our middle school curriculum! It is a blessing to be able to provide a solid Christian education to students at such an impressionable age and provide them with a solid faith foundation as they prepare for high school and the challenges and choices they will face in a different environment. First Lutheran is pleased to be able to provide a well rounded education for all students, but our greatest attribute is sharing the love of Christ daily in the classroom, on the playground, and everywhere in between.

I thank you for allowing me to be a part of the beautiful ministry of First Lutheran. It is my tremendous pleasure to serve our Lord with the supportive and loving family here. What a blessing to know that we are strengthened by our unity and mission to share the love of Christ with Knoxville. I look forward to continuing to serve you. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us!

In HIS Service

Lindsey Hofman, Interim Principal

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1 – Jacob Cloninger, Holly Flanigan, Nick Weideman

2 – Trevor Anderson, Joy witt

3 – Steve Wheat

4 – Brett Amthonijs

7 – Connie Bowling

8 – Abby Bushur, Bobby Eisold, Tabitha Lukens, Monika Rash, Tatum Smolter

9 – Cameron Brown, Angela Lukens

12– Zachary Mueller, Brian Poore, Melissa

Sanders

13 – Michleen Jones

14 – Lin Holloway Jr.

16 – Avery Anderson, Amy Keller

19 – Karen DeArmond, Sheila Wolford

20 – Martin Slomski, Nathan Wade

22 – Melissa Schell, Marilyn Wing

23 – Theo Anthonijs, Kim Smith

25 – Gianna Haun-Harshaw

26 – Jonathan Boatman

27 – Liz Etzel

29 – Elizabeth Smith, Jayda Turner, Lisa Wade

30 – Ron Mahs, Wendy Slifka, Drew Slomski

ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Lawrence & Ingrid Capparelli

10 – Bob & Lydia VanDervort

12 – Scott & Karen Spaid

20 – Chip & Wendy Appleton

21 – Fred & Melissa Schell

24 – Greg & Beth Buckner, John & Lindsey

Hofman

25 – Ken & Ellie Christensen

31 – Mark & Debbie Fettig

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, JULY 22

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>July 2016</h1>					1	2 9:00 Mission Serve
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10 8:15 Worship w.communion 9:15 SS & Bible Class 10:30 Worship w/communion	11 9:30 Quilting	12 6:00 Day School Board 7:00 Board of Elders	13 6:30 Worship Service	14	15	16 9:00 Workday
17 <i>MITE BOX SUNDAY</i> 8:15 Worship w/communion 9:15 SS & Bible Class 10:30 Worship w/communion	18	19 12:30 I Kings Bible Class	20 6:30 Worship Service	21	22 <i>DEADLINE FOR AUG. NEWSLETTER</i>	23
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