

First Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

10/6 Confirmation Class

12:15 pm

10/12 LWML Meeting and Mission Work Day

10/19

Sunday School 9:15

Worship Service 10:30

FROM PASTOR ROCKEMANN

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum is the Latin. The English goes this way: The Word of the Lord endures forever. These words became the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God's Word. You may well recognize that these words are found in both the Prophet Isaiah (40:6-8) and the Apostle Peter in his First Letter (1:24-25). From very early on, the Latin statement was abbreviated by using the first letter of each word: VDMA. Seeing those letters, believers in Christ knew the meaning.

Do you, my friend, know the meaning—the meaning for your own life?

Think of all the change (sometimes wild change) you've witnessed in your life thus far. Makes no difference your age, whether you are 8 or 28 or 48 or 88. There are the mood swings of the stock market and the political scene, the highs and lows of your job or your health, the ups and downs of investment accounts and "projected income streams." If you are younger you are masterfully laying out your educational and career courses when all of a sudden, something changes and a major course correction has to occur. "Change and decay in all around I see," wrote the hymn writer in that beautiful hymn, "Abide with Me." Plenty of change. Plenty of decay.

The Good News right in the middle of all this: God's Word doesn't change. Ever! What the Lord says to you in His Word holds today just as it held yesterday and will hold tomorrow. His Word cradles Christ for you: the Son of the Living God come into

Monthly Readings:

10/6 – Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4, 2 Tim. 1:1-14, Luke 17:1-10

10/13 – Ruth 1:1-19a, 2 Tim. 2:1-13, Like 17:11-19

10/20 – Gen. 32:22-30, 2 Tim. 3:14 - 4:5, Like 18:1-8

10/27 – Rev. 14:6-7, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

the world to rescue you from your sin, from death, and from Satan's clutches. To Him the Holy Spirit has called you through the living Gospel, that you might know by faith in Jesus that you belong to Him for now and for eternity. Nothing and no one can alter that—ever.

The Word of the Lord endures forever. Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum. This enduring Word has been the bedrock of First Lutheran Church for 150 years, going forth with faithfulness, clarity, and boldness into the face of every change, in every year and season of life—going out into the highways and byways of Knoxville and the world with the unchanging, bedrock Truth: Jesus Christ—Him crucified and risen—mankind's only hope and salvation. Until He comes again in all His glory, this is our Word to the world, and our hope for the world. It doesn't change. Ever. + VDMA.

Pastor Rockemann



Board Happenings

10/8 Elders Meeting 6:30PM

10/12 - LWML Workday

10/15 - School Board 6PM

10/22 – Church Council Meeting

Weekly Happenings

Sunday: Bible Class 9:15AM Divine Service 10:30AM

2nd and 4th Tuesdays: Quilting 9:30 AM (Meeting Room)

Wednesday: School Chapel at 8:30AM Pastor Schulz New Testament Study 6:00PM Library

Prayer Requests

Serving Our Country: Brett Anthonijs, Robert Boatman, Isaac Davis, Chad Kaiser, Adam Smith, Jeff Stone, Neil Whitehead, William Smolter

Members: Wanda Crumley, Karla Hood, Sally Collver, Lily Varner, Jim and Rosa Beck, Karla Hood, Sunok Danner (Shellia Byrd's aunt), Doug Rodenbeck, Carl Testerman, Don Yeatts, Donna Faye Elmore, Jean Anderson (Mike Anderson's mom), Todd Testerman, Brion Bissell, and the Call Committee as it continues to work toward the call of a pastor for First Lutheran Church.

Our shut in Members: Jim and Rosa Beck, Mary Acuff-Croes, Gene Franklin, Judy Kelley, Sharon Mueller, Doug Rodenbeck, Lily Varner, Marilyn Waldeck-Wing, and Harold and Katherine Whitaker.

In Other News

LWML News

Sunday, October 6th, is LWML Sunday! What does this mean? This is the Sunday on which we celebrate the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Our women use their God-given talents in service to the Lord in many ways - service projects, encouraging others, studying God's Word, and donating mites (pocket change) to help fund mission work in our own state and throughout the world!

You'll be hearing a lot from us in the coming weeks, as the ladies of LWML are gearing up for a busy fall! Our meal train is active, delivering food to families as needs arise. We will be working on refurbishing costumes for the children's Christmas program and Live Nativity. Advent by Candlelight is coming up on December 8. And, remember those aromatic seasonal candles from last year? We'll be making and selling them again this year to raise funds for next year's projects! Look for more information on all of this in upcoming bulletins.

So, who are the ladies of the LWML? You may be excited to hear that any woman who is a member of a Missouri Synod Lutheran church is automatically a member! (And, we also welcome guests!) So ladies, you belong. Please join us!

Children's Sunday School is underway! Please join us at 9:15 every Sunday morning as we learn about God's word. Currently, students 6th grade and up are encouraged to attend adult Bible class as Pastor Rockemann leads a class entitled: Multi-generational Bible Study: A Slow Walk Around the Foundations. Our Children's Sunday School classes are listed below along with the teachers and locations.



Class	Teachers	Location
Toddlers (under 3)	Angela Lukens and Emily Grove	2-year-old room
PreK - Kindergarten	Stephanie Daniels	kindergarten room
1st - 3rd grade	Mike and Shawna Anderson; Tara Chrapliwy; Greg and Beth Buckner	4 th /5 th grade classroom
4th-6th	Jered and Christine Sprecher	7 th grade classroom
7th - High School	John Grove; Shellia Byrd; Melanie Bartholomay	6 th grade classroom

We are still looking to add additional teachers to our rotation - especially for our toddler and PreK/kindergarten classes. If you have any questions, need direction to the appropriate classroom, or are interested in being part of our teaching rotation, please contact Stephanie Daniels [828-638-3519].

55 Alive: On Thursday, October 17th, we will have another delectable luncheon at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$7.00 per person, featuring Chuck Bentley, CEO of Crown Ministries, who travels the globe teaching Biblical financial principles. He is an author of 4 books, one of which is "The Worst Financial Mistakes in the Bible & How You Can Avoid Them". Chuck is also producer of the "God Provides" film series now used throughout the world in 30 languages which reaches 2 billion people. Also, Chuck has a daily radio broadcast on over 1,200 outlets in the USA. He focuses on God's economic principles that work! Hope to see you there!

News from First Lutheran School

Joy: Yesterday, Today, Always.

The Joy that only Jesus can bring is something that transcends generations. On Friday we had the privilege of opening our doors to the Grandparents and Grand friends of our students. It is always one of my favorite days of the years. The students all made an effort to dress their best, and many of them looked quite dapper in their bow ties and pearl necklaces. They performed songs, and when the students returned to their classrooms, they were able to spend quality time with their guests doing activities and sharing memories. Another aspect of the day that always impresses me is the students' willingness to serve. They serve their grandparents refreshments before getting some for themselves, or the students will guide the guest to different areas of the building, sharing their work and making sure they are taken care of. It is a joyous day and goes to show the benefits of learning from other generations.

Behind the scenes:

I have said before that I am blessed to work with the greatest staff possible. They truly love the school, its mission, and each other. I think an important part of what makes us work as a staff is that we meet each morning before the school bell rings. We review the days happening, but more importantly, we spend time together in devotions and prayer. These devotions can provide much-needed wisdom when you least expect it. Furthermore, when the staff comes together to pray for our school and

church, the students and their families, it is a reminder of what our real priorities are. It is not just about grading papers or making sure the bulletin board is changed over. When God is the foundation for your day, it certainly put things into perspective and reminds us that our most important mission is to serve our students as the Holy Spirit works in their hearts and as they grow in faith. It really is the best possible way to start a day.

Kindergarten Kick-Off

From 4:00 to 6:00 the week of Sept 30th - October 4th, we are offering an opportunity to future Kindergarteners and their parents to come and learn more about First Lutheran school. We want to make sure everyone understands the benefit of a First Lutheran education. Low student to teacher ratio (7:1) allows teachers to build relationships and focus on the unique needs of the whole student. Our enriching, engaging, and rigorous curriculum, fosters an environment where students learn to love learning not just in the core subjects but in the arts as well. Feel free to tell your friends, neighbors, and family, so that they can join us. Promotional materials and contact information are available from the school office or by the Church member mailboxes.

Jessie Irwin, Principal

Anniversaries:

2: Larry and Kelly Miller	3: Larry and Karla Hood	9: Ron and Terrie Mahs
15: Jerry and Marilyn Wing	18: Scott and Jennifer Sandie	20: Wayne and Carla Poore
22: Wil and Lisa Wade	24: Chuck & Diane Baum	28: Carl and Julie Cloninger

Birthdays:

1: Marc Blais; Aven Flanigan	2: Larry Hood; David Rodenbeck	4: Stephanie Hamilton
7: Rick Breeden; Terrie Mahs	9: Susan Haun	16: Pam Wrinkle
18: Debbie Fettig; Pam Veenstra; Christopher Yeatts	19: Sydney Reed	
20: Keith Denton; Lindsey Hofman; Sherry Wheat	21: Joe Lukens; Barry Lyke; Layla & Josie Zimmer	
24: Pat Baxmann; Harold Whitaker	30: Lindsey Garst; Peter Garst	

Deadline for November Newsletter is Friday, October 18, 2019

Sundays: 9:15AM Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service

Rev. Larry Rockemann, Vacancy Pastor, Rev. John Schulz, Pastor Emeritus, Jessie Irwin, Principal
