May 2021

Faith...

Monthly Newsletter

First Lutheran Church News

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.
(Psalm 13:1-6)

Here in Psalm 13, we find David troubled by his enemy. He calls out to God to answer him, because he feels as though God is hiding from him. He is afraid, and asks God to be with him, to protect him in his time of need.

The greatest enemies of humanity are sin, death, and the devil. These three things cause us so much strife in our lives. Because of sin, the world has changed from the time of Adam and Eve in the Garden. We know that the wages of sin is death. And we know that the devil is always prowling around like a roaring lion, seeking us to devour.

But David reminds us to take heart. To trust in the Lord. God is not blind, and he does not cast off his steadfast love towards his people.

Sometimes it is hard to know how God is working everything out for us in the world and society we currently live in. Yet, we still take counsel in the Lord, and remember what he has already done for us. Freeing us from those powerful enemies of sin, death, and the devil.

He has not neglected his people. He has dealt bountifully with us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Through him and his death on the cross we have access to the Father in heaven, and can cry out to him to forgive us and keep us steadfast in the one true faith which leads us to eternal life.

For this, we shall always sing to the Lord.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Welmer

LWML

Thursday

May 13th @ 10:30am

All women of our congregation are invited to our monthly meetings, help with our mission projects, and enjoy fellowship and Bible Study.

Quilters

May 18th

@ 10am

In May, bring a sack lunch and stay to join the fun and fellowship as we work together. No Experience Required!

Questions? Kathleen McMullen 423-255-6274

May Anniversaries

Rick & Dari Selcer 22nd Anniversary	5/1
Scott & Sarah Stroud 23rd Anniversary	5/2
Oscar & Ann Kelly 49th Anniversary	5/6
Chad & Elena Grosskrevtz 6th Anniversary	5/17
Charlie & Sonja Shamblin 47th Anniversary	5/18
Chuck & Paulette Tindell 48th Anniversary	5/19
David & Kathy Kulisek 45th Anniversary	5/22
Robert & Gwen Campbell 48th Anniversary	5/26
Matt & Kristina Guy 21st Anniversary	5/27

May Birthdays

Teresa Curtis	5/2
Matt Guy	5/4
Michelle Bumgardner	5/6
Lynda Galik	5/6
Angela Griffith	5/9
Dennis Savor	5/10
Karen Savor	5/11
Jeff Anderson	5/15
Ralph Meissner	5/15
Jo Ratchford	5/15
Cassi Parell	5/16
David Shamblin	5/18
Carolyn Funderburk	5/20
Jason Medeiros	5/21
Debbie Pfitzer	5/23
Carla Brooks	5/24
Lori Bessler	5/27
Katie Seiberlich	5/30
Jimmy Fisher	5/30
Suanne Johnson	5/30
Jamie Tyson	5/30
Ed Vinson	5/31

Congratulations to all of our 2021 Graduates

~ We are proud of you!

Prayer Request

Members
Gale Brookens
Ensley Family
Marian Fretwell
Carolyn Kempson
Ida Jane Larson
Karen Lawson
Teresa Petty
Alice Mariani
Ratchford's
Dennis Savor
Reda Watson

Family of Members
Scarlett T. Blackman
Charla Hyde-Conway
Steve Conway
Eddy Colquette
Ferney Family
Randy & Retta Ford
Freddie Fryar
Michael Hales
Gail Heslop
Carmen Hester
George & Charise Hyde
Joe Kybartas
Dusty Martin
Heather Martin
Elin McDonald
Dr. Alex Meyer
Avery Morkert
John Nicotra
David & Sharon Schwab
Chase Scoggins
Rick Selcer
Linda Vinson
Wiseley Family

Friends of Members
Cooper Barnes
Bobby Benefield
Susan Brown
Michelle Bryden
Kayla Carrol
Karen Dean
Marty Dunagan
Benny Dykes
Gene & Faye Edwards
Emily Haynes
Teresa Honeycut
Alta Hook
Dave Mietzer
Jerry Presley
Ollie Reeves
Rhonda Rigsby
Jamie Sunderland
Thompson family

FLC Officers & Boards

If anyone is interested in serving on one of our boards or if you would like to nominate a person, please let one of the members of the nominating committee know.

Members of 2021 nominating committee:

- Troy Tallant (Chair)
- Ann Kelley
- Joyce Enloe
- Tom Yarman
- Adam Weidman
- Charlie Shamblin

In Christ,

Troy Tallant
Nominating Committee Chairman

LWML Mite Box
1st Sunday of Each Month

Would you like to know where your Mites will go?

Check out the following:
LWML.org/home
Mission Grant Resources.

May 6, 2021
National Day of Prayer
12pm Prayer Service

12pm - 2pm Sanctuary Open
for personal prayer

Sanctuary Choir Practice
Wednesday Nights
@ 6:00 pm

May 30th, will be the LAST day of Choir before the Summer break.

Confirmation Sunday
May 02, 2021
11am Service

Congratulations 2021 Confirmands:
Noel Suzanne Parell *- Daughter of Charlie & Cassi Parell*
Elizabeth Ann Post *- Daughter of Jim & Christine Post*

May 20th

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Bring your own meal.

YOU!

You KNOW who you are!

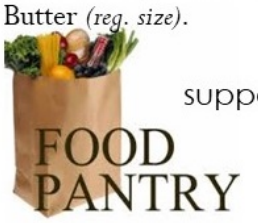
God has laid it on your heart and you Know you're suppose to be doing something about it.
You have a desire to see Women of God Fellowshipping, Learning, Growing, and Encouraging one another.
NOW'S THE TIME!
FLC needs you to step up and get this started!

Food Pantry Offering
Sun., May 30th

Please consider bringing non perishable food items, to present it as an offering.

We are currently in need of:

Canned Chicken, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce, Baked Beans, Canned Ravioli *(canned meals)*, Granola Bars *(cereal bars)*, & Peanut Butter *(reg. size)*.



Thank you for your support! Your giving makes a difference in our community.

Belvoir Christian Academy

Learning | Loving | Serving

Principal Perspective

BCA celebrates Earth Day!

Pre-K students learn all about the planet Earth and the Moon through art, and kindergarteners make their own edible Earth Worm Dirt cups for a special snack!

BCA Annual Fund Giving

Thanks to so many who have helped us reach 80% of our 2020-2021 Annual Fund Goal! Our supporters are truly a blessing to Belvoir Christian Academy/The Lutheran School! Help us reach 100% by June 30 by donating online at BCALIONS.org, or mail your gift to 800 Belvoir Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37412.

Celebrate with the Streuferts!

Frank and Randi Streufert have served Belvoir Christian Academy/The Lutheran School as teachers, coaches and volunteers since 1987!

Retirement Reception
Sun., June 6
between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
BCA gymnasium.

If you know of former students or teachers who would want to attend, please invite them to join in honoring their teaching legacy!

BCA Annual Fund Update

Our goal is to reach $100,000 for the 20-21 school year by June 30.

Gifts help in so many ways, including providing funds for our Variable Tuition scholarship program and to help offset overall tuition costs for BCA families. This year, we are also concentrating efforts on building a pavilion for our outdoor classroom as well as refinishing our gym floor to prepare for the 21-22 athletic season.

Please help BCA reach its goal to continue providing improvements to our current students as well as for those who will join us in the future, but most importantly, to continue reaching so many children with the great news of our Saviour, Jesus!

Gifts may given through the churches, designated to BCA, mail to BCA, 800 Belvoir Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37412 or make online gifts at BCALIONS.org.

Mark Your BCA Calendar

May 3 – 7	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 22	8th Grade Awards Dinner – 5:30 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
May 25	PK4 Graduation – Drive-through at 6 p.m.
May 26	8th Grade Graduation - at First Lutheran Church - 7 p.m.
May 27	Field/Fun Day
May 28	Last day of school - 11 a.m. dismissal (Child care open until 6 p.m.)
May 31	Closed for Memorial Day

Looking Ahead

June 1	Summer Camp begins
June 6	Retirement reception for Frank and Randi Streufert - at Belvoir Christian Academy gymnasium, 2 – 4 p.m.