

December 2021

Faith...

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

First Lutheran Church News

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

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion.

It cannot be moved; it abides forever.

*As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds His people,
both now and forevermore.*

*For the scepter of the wicked will not rest
upon the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous will not put forth
their hands to injustice.*

*Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to the upright in heart.*

*But those who turn to crooked ways
the LORD will banish with the evildoers.*

Peace be upon Israel.

(Psalm 125)

This Psalm is very meaningful in our lives today. Sometimes we see many things in our lives that are fearful and wicked. We are reminded in Psalm 125 to lift our prayers to the Lord and to trust in him above all things. It is a Psalm centered on the 1st Commandment. ***“You Shall Have No Other Gods”***. What does this mean? ***We should fear, love, and trust God above all things.***

God consistently reminds us that everything happens in due time. We as humans may not be as patient as God, but we trust that his righteous judgment will take place. It is why we know that God will not deliver us up over to our enemies or abandon us in our time of need.

He will gather us up and bring us his peace. Therefore, we celebrate Advent. Being reminded that God did not stay in his heavenly throne room but came down from Heaven. He made sure that we know that he comes for us, the upright in heart. Those who cry out to him for mercy.

We receive mercy for everyday of our lives, in this life and the next, because the Lord surrounds us. We trust in him because he fulfills his promises. He will return to reign in the New Jerusalem.

Have a wonderful Advent Season. May the Lord’s peace surround you during this time, so that nothing may scare you and separate you from the love you have in Christ Jesus.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

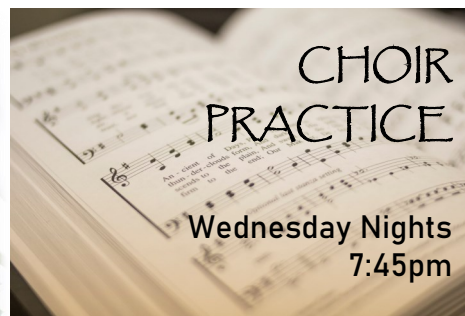


Monday Nights
@ 5pm

Confirmation Classes



SATURDAY
HELP US DECORATE
THE CHURCH FOR
CHRISTMAS
DEC. 4TH 9am



Quilters

Will not meet in December



In 2021, 57 Quilts were created at FLC and sent to Lutheran World Relief, as well as Each Resident at Room in the Inn, (Women & Children's Shelter) during Christmas, received a quilt. We will resume in Jan. 2022 and with your help, we hope to increase that number for next year's giving.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
No Experience Required!

Thursday
Dec. 9th @ 10am

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



Voter's Meeting

Sunday,
Dec. 12th

With
Congregational
Dinner

Please bring a side dish or
dessert to share.
Parish Fellowship will
provide the Meat.

Food Pantry Offering ~ Sun., Dec. 26th ~

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

We are currently in need of:

Spaghetti Sauce, Beanie Weenies, Baked Beans, Vienne Sausages,
Canned Ravioli (canned meals), & Peanut Butter

Thank you for your support!

Your giving makes a difference in our community.



December Anniversaries

Kevin & Kelsey Schoneck 5th Anniversary	12/2
Steve & Linda J. Hale 25th Anniversary	12/19
James & Pat Snyder 30th Anniversary	12/23

December Birthdays

Carl Meyer	12/4	Steve Gatlin	12/9	John Musser	12/19
Tina Nance	12/4	Susan Johnson	12/10	Rowan Schoneck	12/19
Ann Brookens	12/5	Chelsea Miller	12/14	Stevie Bessler	12/23
Sonja Shamblin	12/6	Natalie Alonzo	12/14	Bj Sherrill	12/23
Lee Smith	12/6	Steve Kempson	12/15	Sandy Lowe	12/24
Jordan Halabrin	12/9	Kathleen McMullen	12/16	Troy Tallant	12/25
		Dorothy Smith	12/17	Noelle Beck	12/29

Members

Marian Fretwell
Michael Gray
Carolyn Kempson
Ida Jane Larson
Karen Lawson
Pastor Pingel
Teresa Petty
Pastor Pingel
Alice Mariani
John Musser
Dennis Savor
Schier Family
Gene Slaten
Reda Watson

Family of Members

Katie Berch
Eddy Colquette
Randy & Retta Ford
Michael Hales
Gail Heslop
Carmen Hester
Joe Kybartas
Dusty Martin
Elin McDonald
Dr. Alex Meyer
Avery Morkert
John Nicotra
Dave Parvey
Brooklyn Rogers
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
Drew Harrison
Emily Haynes
Teresa Honeycut
Alta Hook
Dave Mietzer
Jerry Presley
Ollie Reeves
Rhonda Rigsby
Crystal Slaten
Spencer Thompson
Pastor Ralph & Sue Wetzel

Prayer Request

*Church Office Closed
Thursday
December 23rd and 30th*

2022 Offering Envelopes

Boxes will be available Dec. 15th.

If you've not previously had a box or a giving number, and would like one, or if you have a box but would prefer to "freely give", please contact the office ASAP.





Christmas Service Specials

*Sunday, Dec. 12th @ 3pm
Advent Hymn Festival*

*Sunday, Dec. 19th @ 11am
Christmas Presentation - FLC Kids*

*Friday, Dec. 24th @ 5pm
Family Christmas Eve Worship*

*Friday, Dec. 24th @ 7pm
Christmas Candlelight*

*Saturday, Dec. 25th @ 10am
Christmas Morning Worship*



First Lutheran Church Sock Collection

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

The number one needed article of clothing, among the homeless, is **SOCKS**. FLC is teaming with the Community Kitchen to collect **New Socks** for our Homeless Community.

Let's warm some feet this Holiday Season!

You will find a basket in the Narthex labeled

Community Collections.

Please feel free to drop them in anytime. LWML will be collecting and delivering them to the Community Kitchen when the basket becomes full.

All Sizes, All Colors, Both Men & Women



Giving Tree

Monetary Donations

Social Ministry will be taking monetary donations this year instead of purchased gifts.

Please consider giving a donation marked "Giving Tree" by Dec. 5th. Items will be purchased by Partnership of Chattanooga and distributed to the Elderly in need.



BELVOIR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY MAKES DISCIPLES FOR JESUS, ENCOURAGES LIFELONG LEARNERS, AND VALUES STUDENTS IN A NURTURING COMMUNITY.



Thank You for Your Annual Fund Gifts!

BCA's Annual Fund is in full swing, and we have already received a number of gifts from our supporting church families! Each gift is helpful in continuing our mission to bring a Christ-centered education to our students. If you have made your annual donation, we thank you! If not, please consider making one soon. Donations are easy to make online at BCALIONS.org,

Thank you! Have a happy Thanksgiving!!

Christmas, perhaps, does mean a little bit more...Yes, it does! BCA's float was awesome in the recent East Ridge Christmas parade! A great turn-out from students and parents who rode and decorated the float! Thank you to all who participated!

Congratulations to Belvoir Christian Academy third grader, Jeffrey! He was recently honored as the statewide winner of the Elementary School division for the Tri-Star Reads/Tennesseans for Student Success annual competition. Jeffrey read over 30,000 minutes over the summer. This is the second consecutive year for Jeffrey to receive this honor for his reading efforts.

To recognize his accomplishments, Jeffrey was invited to Nashville, Tenn. to join other divisional winners to meet Gov. Bill Lee.

Gov. Lee awarded Jeffrey the ceremonial Tri-Star 529 College Fund Scholarship for \$1,000. Additionally, Rep. Esther Helton read the House of Representatives Proclamation of Tribute to Jeffrey, and presented him with a State of Tennessee flag that was flown over the State Capitol building in his honor.

Jeffrey has also been selected to join the Davidson Institute Young Scholars program for the profoundly gifted, an organization that provides extracurricular activities for students with gifted academic abilities.